



Dear Search Committee,

With enthusiasm, I offer Daniel Cook my personal recommendation for the art teaching position you are searching to fill at your university. I had the pleasure of hiring Mr. Cook for a drawing, painting, and computer art position eight years ago. His intellectual approach, work ethic, and artistic merit make him an outstanding candidate and are the reasons we wanted him as part of our faculty.

Dan is a life-long learner who takes his responsibility as an artist and thinker seriously. He understands the importance of developing a meaningful dialogue and making informed decisions for his art. He is articulate, expresses himself clearly and fluently, and always handles himself in a professional manner. Daniel Cook is continuously searching for the context of his work through the creative process. His search leads him through different topics and media, as well as numerous resources both visual and intellectual. Dan is an artist, and I am proud to be associated with someone of his caliber.

Within the first year of his hiring, Dan was asked to write and implement a curriculum for a new technology-based art program. He immediately met this challenge through data-driven research and a strong understanding of the artistic and pedagogical approaches needed to make this program a success.

Over the past eight years I have had the pleasure of learning from Dan. I have seen him grow into a leader and a willing participant in the educational process. He is a collaborator of art, education, and life. He understands the importance of interdisciplinary learning and how all artistic offerings can improve his perspective. It is for these reasons that I had no reservations passing the position of department chair onto Dan. As the department chair, he has embraced curricular, budgetary, and faculty issues with a steadfast focus.

I humbly request that Mr. Daniel Cook be given serious consideration as a candidate for the position at your university. I believe Daniel Cook is certainly one individual that possesses the combined artistic background, personal attributes, and self-motivation to hold this honor.

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