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**From: Marcos Campillo Fenoll, Spanish Teaching Assistant.**

**Re: Steven Bert, Recommendation for Graduate Admission**

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Steven Bert, a student I really admire and whom I had the opportunity to work with during the Fall semester of 2007, in a Spanish Composition class. The size of our Spanish classes is kept to a minimum, so that I get to know individual students and their work in much detail. But Steven would have stood out in any way in a larger lecture, due to his interest, his sense of professionalism and academic standards and the quality of his work, which exceeded any requirements established for our course.

Even though our class is focused on writing, from the very beginning I was impressed with Steven's active participation in any opportunity he had, his enthusiasm in class, and his leadership and engagement in group work. The originality, passion and personal style he added to his writing assignment made them suitable for excellent creative writing pieces. In many instances, I used those pieces to exemplify a given topic or writing style. Steven really enjoyed creating his own work, but most importantly, his writing showed a careful attention to detail and an enormous effort for perfection. His sense of high academic performance led him to take extreme care in every assignment, and he was always in search of the perfect word, the only one that would transmit what he wanted to say. Due to his knowledge and interest, he often acted as a group leader in class work, and was always available to help other classmates. His sociable character was an outstanding feature, and he always facilitated class discussion and group work.

Given the personality of Mr. Bert, his hard-working character, and his sense of academic performance, I am sure he will reach any set of goals he desires. His enthusiasm, level of maturity and responsibility, and his spirit of constancy are remarkable traits that will help him in continuing his studies successfully.

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I would be delighted to provide any additional information about this outstanding candidate and student.

Sincerely,

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