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To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to recommend Melanie Celello for a teaching position. Melanie has been a student in two of my classes and has conducted independent research under my guidance. Her performance has been outstanding in every respect. She is a committed student, who is highly motivated, and she demonstrates more than considerable knowledge about the fields of art and art education. I am impressed with the quality of her ideas, her ability to express herself in an articulate manner in both writing and conversation, and her skill as an artist. This skill reaches well beyond what I would expect of a college student in that she works well in a variety of media, and is comfortable in exploring and switching media to find the greatest potential for the expression of her ideas. This is a quality which is rarely found in people of this age.

Melanie is a superb student with great natural intelligence and a deep and probing mind. These qualities, when combined with a sensitive, warm and caring personality, provide Melanie with the potential to become a highly effective teacher. Although I have never had an opportunity to observe Melanie's teaching, reports from our student teaching supervisors indicate that she is already realizing that potential. As the Chair of the department's Undergraduate/Certification Committee, I keep close tabs on our students, and every report of Melanie's teaching from the field has been excellent. This leads me to believe that she will succeed in teaching at either the elementary or secondary level.

As you no doubt have guessed by now, I am very enthusiastic about both Melanie's potential and her ability. I might also say that she is a delight to work with, possessing a keen sense of humor and a deep sense of responsibility. She is one of our best students and I am delighted to give her my most enthusiastic and supportive recommendation.

Sincerely

Robert Arnold

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