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English Division

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write in recommendation of Dean Ramser and his work in a college English classroom. On the day that I observed Prof. Ramser at Pasadena City College he was covering a range of topics related to essay organization. It was an English 400 class whose skills are still being developed before Prof. Ramser can see them off to the next developmental reading and composition class, and to ultimately enroll in English 1A, the college transferable credit course.

Prof. Ramser is a kind instructor and works hard to cover the material that his students need to learn in order to succeed in English 400 and subsequent composition courses. He was covering a range of essay composition topics on the day I visited. Prof. Ramser's lecture on the many components of an essay were followed by a successful group activity. He gave his students a hand-out with clear instructions and distributed colored markers to each group. The students got right to work and remained focused as they highlighted sentences and suggested corrections. It was a strong moment during the class and one that was the result of Prof. Ramser's thoughtful planning and sensitivity to his students' learning styles. He is attuned to what his students do know and how they can best tackle an assignment. He comes to this knowledge with the many grammar quizzes and writing assignments he gives to his students, and they appear to benefit from his feedback.

Prof. Ramser is an approachable instructor. He invites his students to meet with him after class and to send their work to him by email. The students, I could see, appreciated the extra effort that he made on their behalf. Prof. Ramser is a helpful instructor to a diverse population of students.

If you have any questions about my recommendation, please contact me at 626-585-3190 or by email at cjmccabe@pasadena.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. McCabe", written over the printed name.

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