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## LETTER of RECOMMENDATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am often asked by students to write recommendations for them. I am usually very accommodating not necessarily because I can give in-depth comments on their abilities, but more because I have a sense of duty to help a student as much as possible. I can honestly say that with Mr. Nguyen this is not the case. I had the pleasant opportunity to have Mr. Nguyen work with our program last summer. He was employed as a Resident Assistant for our Summer Residential Program. This program brings high school students on the university campus to live and study for four weeks. The three page job description for these positions usually repels applicants, on call for 24 hours a day, 6 days a week for four weeks tends to keep our applicant pool very small. This kind of demand did not restrain Mr. Nguyen from enthusiastically approaching his position. From the very beginning, I realized I could rely on his dependability and stamina.

Most of our resident assistants come to us relatively inexperienced, not having much of an opportunity to work and live with a high school aged group and therefore are required after only one week of training to assume many demanding duties. They are required to accept great responsibilities as peer counselors, tutors, program developers, and many other tasks. It is essential that the resident assistants rapidly adapt to their duties, Mr. Nguyen did so with diligent fortitude. He always contributed the extra effort with nothing expected in return. I consider Mr. Nguyen a very reliable, creative and intelligent individual. There is absolutely no reason whatsoever for not giving him my highest recommendation. Any position that would require dedication, dependability, determination and pride in their performance will find Mr. Nguyen the ideal candidate for that position. It is with pleasure I repeat my best recommendation for Mr. Nguyen.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip B. Lawson".

Philip B. Lawson

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