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To whom it may concern-

It is both an honor and pleasure to recommend Donna Pence as a teacher.

I have known Donna both socially and professionally for a number of years. (We first met nearly thirty years ago in the Art Department of the University of Utah.) She is an active member of the arts community with many shows and exhibitions and has been a participant in the Utah Arts Festival. It is her work and our association that makes me so willing to write this letter.

Donna embraces challenges and delves deeply into things with a seemingly fearless sense of enthusiasm. She has a broad background of experiences. This maturity gives her focus and determination that is often lacking in younger individuals. As a teacher, she is dedicated and resourceful.

In her work at the Beehive Academy, Donna taught students from different grade levels from a diverse population. She is respectful and accepting of individuals from all cultures. She works hard to see her students succeed - and this is reflected in the awards that her students have received. She introduced the AP Art Program to her school - a task that involves a lot of work assisting students and shows her commitment to the success of her students.

Donna doesn't see art as an isolated practice. She aims to have her students create work with contemporary relevance that is grounded on a history and understanding of the various mediums they engage in. She has great interest in exploring ways to integrate the arts with other academic endeavors.

Additionally, she has an infectious enthusiasm that inspires the people that she works with. I am confident that she will be a great addition to any endeavor that she chooses to pursue. Because of her skills, talents, and enthusiasm, I believe that she is fully qualified to engage in any teaching opportunity. I know that she will be a tremendous asset to the school that is fortunate enough to join with her.

It would please me greatly to see her given every opportunity and assistance in this endeavor.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.



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