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Recommendation for Dr. Thomas Lombardi

I am writing this letter to recommend Tom Lombardi for a faculty position. Tom is a graduate of our Doctor of Professional Studies in computing program.

Tom was an excellent doctoral student. Our program requires a great deal of independent, self-motivated work, both in a team setting and as an individual. His presentation skills are excellent and ideally suited for both the academic and corporate settings. He has command of both the theoretical aspects of computing and the practical applications. His research skills are very strong.

Our program is based on a cohort class of computing professionals with a strong sense of community. Every member of the class is an experienced IT professional and thus perform as a teacher as well as a student. Tom has regularly demonstrated the ability to explain complex issues in his field of expertise and experience in a simple and clear manner to the class. The program, while not online, does have an online component during which students and faculty interact over the Internet. This experience should be extremely valuable for Tom if he will be teaching an online course.

Tom's dissertation was one of the most interesting in our program and clearly exemplifies the diversity in computing research. In an effort to explore the extent to which computers could identify artistic style, his research employed digital image processing techniques to extract quantifiable elements of style from over 500 paintings. These measurements of color and line provided the raw material for a variety of computer learning methods useful for advanced analysis of artistic style. In many cases, a computer trained with these techniques could classify unknown paintings correctly even with low resolution images.

I have worked with Tom in his many roles of technology support. He is extremely knowledgeable and handles every task efficiently and effectively. He is extremely service centric, and this shows in his support roles and his teaching.

I know that his students will benefit greatly from his understanding and experience in both basic and emerging computing and information technology. I strongly recommend him for a college or university teaching position.

Sincerely,

Fred Grossman
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