



May 6, 2010

To Whom it May Concern:

We have had more than a dozen interns at our archive in the past few years. Many are bright. Many have contributed to our progress. Many have taken initiative to apply their knowledge and skills to our work.

However, none has been able to do what Merle Branner has done in such a short period of time. She saw a gap in our public educational programming, and stepped in to fill it, drawing on her considerable knowledge of the real-world needs of the educational community. During her brief semester with us, she has written a remarkably comprehensive project plan and proposal that we will be able to use to apply for funding and follow through to take our work in a new direction. Her work will have a tangible impact on our organization, something that doesn't come from most student internship experiences.

We have been amazed and pleased with the results of her work, and while we did provide guidance and supervision, we have found that her greatest strength is to think and work independently.

We know that she will be a major asset to the archival and educational process wherever she winds up working. She definitely has our highest professional recommendation.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is "Tom Weinberg" and the second is "Sara Chapman".

Tom Weinberg & Sara Chapman  
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