



المدرسة الأميركية الدولية في مصر - غرب AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN EGYPT - WEST

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Cristina Saldarelli, and I am the Head of the English Department at The American International School in Egypt, West Campus. I am pleased to write this letter on behalf of Patrick Blois, a member of the English Department. I have worked with Patrick since August of 2015.

Patrick's friendliness and strong work ethic are evident in both his interactions with coworkers and students. I am able to regularly rely on Patrick for approaching and helping new English Department members, whether it is in the realm of classroom management, assessment creation, curriculum building, or technology integration. Patrick has a unique way of building a positive culture while maintaining highly structured classroom management. In my observations of his classes, I made note of his question and answer system involving two decks of playing cards - one taped to student desks and one he kept with him - in order to call on students equitably and emphasize his expectations of all student engagement. The time he takes to set up the nuts and bolts of his classroom allow him and his students to focus on the lessons at hand, and as a result, Patrick's engagement and enjoyment with his students truly shines.

I have, countless times, been able to rely on Patrick as a model department member due to his organization and productivity. Patrick is the first to submit required documents throughout the year, including, but not limited to: the course syllabus, Atlas Rubicon curriculum plans, and semester exams. His attention to detail and organization allows him to invest time into the work he produces and thoughtfully reflect upon choices made. Over the years, he has impressively fine-tuned the grade 6 English curriculum to meet the different strands of Common Core standards, while also updating it for relevance of units. He is also an active participant of our meetings, enjoying our subject-based discussions and bringing best practices to the table.

I am also appreciative of Patrick's initiative beyond his teaching assignment and commitment to the overall growth of our students throughout their formative years. He attended a Philpot Extended Essay training in order to best serve our International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme students in grades 11 and 12, and four out of the five years, he volunteered to be an Extended Essay supervisor for our students. Patrick's accolades have not gone unnoticed by administration. He has been asked to chaperone multiple overnight and international school trips over the years. He also holds a position as Grade 6 Team Lead for his professional learning community.

In short, Patrick's authentic dedication and experience make him a truly valued educator. I highly recommend him as an addition to any faculty. My email address below will be active until July 31, 2020. After that point, you may contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Cristina Saldarelli
Head of English Department
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