

To whom it may concern:

I am writing a recommendation for Jessica Mastro, whom I have known for a little over a year. She was a student in a webshow class I taught at the New School last Fall called *The Class About the Class*. The course was essentially a reality show that involved filming each class and then having the students talk about what happened in class that day from their perspective. Jessica was by far the best student in the class, and one of the best students I have ever had the pleasure of working with. She was remarkably honest, impressively hard-working, always reliable, and proved to be a preternaturally gifted editor. She also evidenced the most growth in the shortest time of any student I have ever known.

After the class ended, she offered to continue working on the show in her spare time (as we were unable to finish it before the end of the semester) and has proved to be a valuable collaborator. She is easy to work with and has remarkably good instincts. She is also very proactive and figures out how to do whatever it is she doesn't already know how to do. She mastered Premiere Pro in a very short time and is constantly learning new shortcuts and figuring out ways to make our workflow more efficient.

It's because I was so impressed by Jessica's work ethic and resourcefulness that I asked her to be one of my Teaching Assistants for the current season of the class webshow. She always shows up on time, responds quickly to emails, and never complains or argues with a given task or request. I have another teaching assistant as well and they work extremely well together as a team. She shows genuine passion and interest, and goes out of her way to make herself available to students by meeting with them outside of class to teach them about the software and/or equipment.

I've gotten to know Jessica pretty well over the past year. I trust her as an employee and I believe in her as an artist. I think she has a bright future ahead of her and I think anyone would be very lucky to have her working for them.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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