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Recommendation for **Brooke Mailhiot**

It is with great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation in support of Assistant Professor for Brooke Mailhiot. I have known Brooke professionally for three years and as a colleague at Rowan College at Burlington County for one year.

I first met Brooke by chance when she was preparing to begin teaching a class using the Virtua Health in-house video production studio. RCBC and Virtua have an ongoing contractual agreement in which Virtua provides studio space to RCBC, allowing students to get first-hand experience using modern production equipment.

At this time our marketing department was going through a restructure. The individuals who previously managed our studio were no longer there to turn the lights on and set up Brooke with what she needed to teach her class. I was asked to manage the studio in the interim until positions were filled to manage our studio full-time.

I was thrown into a situation in which I had minimal knowledge of studio equipment and how to operate it. But with Brooke, who was much more savvy with it, we managed to turn on all the necessary equipment in order to have her class function properly. During troubleshooting, along with daily calls and emails, we figured out all the logistics together. Brooke remained professional, never got frustrated, and always maintained a positive attitude.

During this time in the studio I came to know Brooke personally. We discussed family, South Jersey, education, professional development, and career goals. I mentioned to Brooke that I was interested in teaching at the collegiate level. Brooke, now knowing my education and professional background, had a job in mind. A new class was being offered during the Spring semester titled *Intro to Digital and Emerging Media* that did not yet have an adjunct professor. She recommended that I apply.

Brooke gave me the confidence to move forward and helped guide me through the hiring process, prepped me with expectations, and met with me outside our time in the Virtua studio to review my syllabus. Brooke was always there to answer any questions I had. Her greatest strengths are her communication skills and her willingness to always help.

I fully support Brooke's tenure journey because in my short amount of time working with her, she has already contributed to my own personal growth in a way that will have a lasting impact. Brooke is authentic and someone after whom I strive to model my own teaching career.

Sincerely,

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