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### Recommendation for Leia Wood

I highly recommend Ms. Leia Wood. She has been a graduate student in several of my studio classes.

#### Confidence

Ms Wood is a confident self-assured individual. She has been the owner/operator of her own art supply business and understands herself and her abilities. Ms. Wood entered my classes after closing her business. She had been involved with artists and with selling supplies to artists, but had lost touch with her own creative process. It was her confidence in herself and her own abilities that lead her to seek out a graduate degree in Art Education. I was struck immediately with her outgoing and engaging personality and knew that if anyone could command a room, it was Ms. Wood. She exudes confidence.

#### Dedication to Excellence

Ms. Wood is dedicated to achieving excellence in all that she undertakes. She is committed to learning and achieving and is not afraid to tackle challenges that are new to her. While others may find excuses Ms. Wood finds solutions. The courses Ms. Wood took with me required that she create her own artistic problems and then satisfactorily resolved those problems. This form of thesis creation and resolution should serve her well in any future employment.

#### Passion for Life/Art and Enthusiasm

Ms. Wood has a passion for art and for creating and solving complex problems. She is enthusiastic and energized characteristics that will help her to initiate a positive learning environment and work atmosphere.

#### Ability to plan and adjust

I observed that Ms. Wood could successfully plan and then adjust her plan as the situation requires or demands. The planning out of her assignments allowed her to be prepared to produce the work in an efficient time frame. However, if things did not proceed as she had predicted she was able to adjust her plan, materials, and goals and continue to execute her work. This ability to acknowledge when and how much to change or adjust is critical to a work or learning environment.

#### Patience/Compassion

Ms. Wood has demonstrated patience and compassion for her fellow classmates and has been patient in her explanations and critiques of her colleague's work and progress. She relates well to others and is genuinely eager to help others achieve their best.

Ms Wood has the **ability to look at things in a variety of ways to find different ways to express her thoughts and ideas**. She **respects others** and **takes pride in a job well done**. For these reasons and more I highly recommend her.



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