

Re: Letter of Reference for Stephanie Brown

To whom it may concern,

January 19, 2012

It is my great pleasure to provide an academic and professional letter of reference in support of Stephanie Brown. She was a student in my "Professional Seminar" and English language arts methods classes at Mount Saint Vincent University. She was a respected leader amongst her peers in the class.

Stephanie is one of the most outstanding students I have taught. She uses her creative gifts and talents to develop exceptional teaching materials which she freely shares with others. Her energy and enthusiasm are wonderful assets in the classroom. Stephanie is a determined visionary with a passion for learning. She has developed her own company to promote literacy. As "Raina the Mermaid", she visits schools and community organizations to promote the love of reading and an awareness of ocean ecosystems. Stephanie dedicates many hours of service to her community.

Stephanie is a very capable and thoughtful scholar who has consistently maintained exemplary academic standards in her courses.

She would be a wonderful addition to the staff at any school. She works well independently but is also a valued team member. She has demonstrated her competence in the classroom and received great praise from her cooperating teachers during her practicum experience. Stephanie is a thoughtful observer, has strengths in lesson planning, time-management, organization and the use of technology to support and enhance learning.

She has a keen interest in supporting students with special learning needs in the mainstreamed classroom and she has demonstrated skills in differentiated learning strategies.

Stephanie brings many talents to the teaching profession. She willingly embraces change and she is eager to pursue ongoing personal professional development. She is respectful of the opinions and efforts of her colleagues. She works well as a member of a team and has willingly provided assistance to faculty as a guest presenter in education classes.

I have been an administrator in the schools of Nova Scotia for many years and I have frequently been involved in the faculty hiring process. I would be delighted to welcome Stephanie to my school staff. She is very intuitive and kind. She is thoughtful, flexible and sensitive to the needs and feelings of her students and colleagues.

I am delighted to offer this gifted and dedicated professional my support and commendation as she seeks employment as an educator. Please free to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

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