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To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Mr Chris Cortez, a recent graduate from the School of Graphic Design's MFA Program here at the Academy of Art University.

As director of the graduate program, I can honestly say that I have never encountered a more energetic, motivated, or entrepreneurial student. Chris was able to fully realize the potential of the graduate thesis process — developing a personal vision and successfully realizing it within an operable business setting. The uncanny way in which he was able to mold the Academy's academic offering to suit his endeavor was truly unique; I hold up his project time and again as an example of someone using a situation to their advantage by taking initiative and applying themselves. He literally took a business from his sketchbook and turned it into reality.

Chris is capable, reliable and adapts well to change. He is preposterously resourceful and works hard at whatever is before him. These bedrock skills, business acumen that exceeds his age, and an uncanny eye for fashion combine to make him a truly unique design talent. His affable and friendly nature also make him easy to work with as well.

Given my experience with him, I would say that Chris is well-suited for whatever challenges he decides to tackle. I would be happy to provide any additional and/or specific information anyone may deem necessary. Please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Phil Hamlett
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