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Recommendation for: Joanne Tippett

I invited Joanne to teach a course at Dominican University after meeting with her and other staff members to discuss ways of integrating sustainability education into our curriculum. She has been the principal instructor for the undergraduate course "Ecology and Environment" for three semesters in total. I attended the final presentations for these classes, and was impressed with the quality of the work the students produced. Joanne's teaching skills were praised highly by several different students, both in formal and informal feedback. She has a highly developed ability to teach complex ideas to a wide range of students. The course she taught was for students from different disciplines and years. Students were lead though difficult subject areas using innovative teaching methods, and learned both the substance of the course and skills to help them apply the theoretical principles. I was impressed with both Joanne's calibre in teaching, and with the commitment she showed to improving her teaching, attending many faculty development workshops, at which she gave valuable input.

I have also seen Joanne present her research to an academic audience, having invited her to be a plenary presenter at the Association of North Bay Scientists. She has an impressive ability to communicate to a mixed audience. She has also run an intensive one-day workshop for the Business School at Dominican, which a variety of staff and local business members attended. This was very well received, and showed Joanne's ability to deliver professional workshops conveying her academic thinking to a non-academic audience. She has been an active member of the North Bay Sustainability Centre (NBSC) steering group. The NBSC aims to develop a centre of excellence for education and NGO networking in the North Bay. Joanne has brought a useful perspective to the group, with her experience of community development and innovative education.

I have watched the development of Joanne's academic research with interest, as she is at the cutting edge of a new field, and one in which she is well placed to make an original and significant contribution. I feel certain that she would be an asset to any department.

Yours sincerely,

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