

September 27, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter of recommendation is an endorsement of Kevin Collins, a candidate for an international teaching position. I am a family friend and a retired educator/librarian who has known Kevin since his marriage to his wife in 2002. Kevin's personality is ideally suited for teaching; he is creative, humorous, engaging, fair, and firm. He is able to inspire and challenge students beyond the standard curriculum. I understand he has won teaching commendations for his work in the classroom. He is also well respected among his teaching peers and has represented them in leadership positions within their professional organization.

Kevin has special talents as an author. He has written several children's books which have been published. His students should find these talents an asset to learning.

I have observed Kevin dealing with his own daughter as an example of his discipline strategy. She is extremely well behaved and courteous, and I admire his ability to reason with her regarding the limits he has set for her behavior. Reading is obviously a regular activity in their home as is evidenced by his daughter's voracious reading habit.

Kevin is extremely qualified for international teaching, given the quantity and quality of international travel he has experienced. His wife is Indonesian and their family travels annually to see her family in Bali. Her sister lived for a while in Austria and the family visited her there. During his marketing career Kevin also traveled extensively. The entire family is very culturally aware and eager to experience additional international living.

You will not be disappointed if you select Kevin for an international teaching position. I know he is eager to teach in another country and have the opportunity to share his talents in a new setting. Please give serious consideration to his application.

Sincerely,



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