

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to my experience as a Branch Manager for College Works Painting in the Southern California Division. I was hired by College Works in Fall of 2007.

I had just given up my search for internships as a junior after having little success finding something that I would both enjoy and be challenged by. After meeting with the VP of the division, Brian Moadelli, I was so impressed by the positive energy and vision of the company that I committed to the internship. Little did I know this was to be one of the most challenging periods in my career so far. Through working directly with my DM and mentor Derek Jorgenson, I was able to problem solve and overcome whatever challenges came my way throughout the program. Derek both motivated me and pushed me to reach my goals and achieve levels of success that I didn't think possible. Whether I was experiencing great success or overcoming the challenges in my business, Derek helped me maintain my focus and vision on the big picture and I walked across the finish line smiling with pride. After becoming manger of the year and setting a new Southern California Divisional record for the company, I began to look back and reflect upon the skills I developed my manger year. I feel fully confident going into any situation I face and feel that I have the skills necessary to take me to the next level of my career both in communicating my ideas effectively and being able to manage my future employees.

CollegeWorksPainting has given me a world-class foundation upon which I can build my ambitious future.

Sincerely,

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