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To whom it may concern:

I hope you have the opportunity to have a conversation with Orrin Shawl. He was a student in the capstone journalism class I teach, and he was engaged, thoughtful and receptive to constructive criticism throughout the semester.

Orrin went beyond the classroom to improve as a reporter and communicator. He pursued opportunities on campus to build reporting and writing skills, and he landed internships as both a reporter and public relations staff member.

As a former daily newspaper journalist and department head for 20-plus years, I am certain Orrin will continue to grow and expand his skill set as a professional. I'm eager to see where his career path will take him.

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