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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Orrin Shawl. During the 2012-2013 academic year at Delta College, Orrin was both my student in Composition I and II and under my employment at the Delta College WRIT Center. The advanced composition class was completely online, which is an environment that requires students to work independently and to be self-motivated. Likewise, at the WRIT Center, Orrin often worked without supervision and held hours at one of our satellite campuses sometimes by himself.

One of the most important things a student can do is ask questions in a class. It shows initiative and that an individual cares about doing their best. Throughout both classes, Orrin and I had many conversations about assignments. The conversations were always polite and professional, and I could count on Orrin to really take the time to think about my suggestions and apply them to his writing. The first drafts of his papers were not always among the top of the class, but his second drafts were.

Orrin's good attitude and communication skills were also an asset when it came to working at the WRIT Center. He genuinely seemed to enjoy working with students and did his best to help them improve an essay and prepare for an assignment. It is imperative that our consultants put student writers at ease and make them feel welcome. During his time at the WRIT Center, he developed important relationships with at-risk students at Delta College's urban campus.

Based on his desire to learn and improve and his innate drive to interact with and help others, I have no doubt that Orrin will succeed in his future endeavors. If you have any questions, you can email me at [jenniferniester@delta.edu](mailto:jenniferniester@delta.edu) or call me at (989) 686-9514.

Sincerely,

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