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To Whom It May Concern:

Recommendation for Darryl Benjamin

I have known Darryl Benjamin as a colleague, teacher and mentor for over five years. Darryl demonstrates the passion and knowledge needed to keep students engaged. Versed in a variety of subjects, including Creative Writing, English, Marketing and Sustainability, he is able to employ his vast knowledge in keeping his course content up to date and relevant.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Darryl also actively engages in writing for blogs and other media about food sustainability and environmental issues. He recently finished co-writing a textbook called *Real World Farm to Table*, with an expected publication date of Fall 2015.

Darryl was an instructor in one of my classes in my BA at New England Culinary Institute, and his enthusiasm for the topics we covered was infectious. Darryl has also been instrumental in assisting and advising me in my Capstone for the Master of Arts in Sustainable Food Systems at Green Mountain College, and will be my co-author for the book that I will be writing, *GMOs for Dummies*.

Students often comment about the value they received in Darryl's classes, and talk about the horizons opened to them by pushing them to think creatively and innovatively. He would be ideally suited to the role of lead instructor for the Vermont Food and Farm Education Summer Study Tour.

Sincerely,

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