

27 May, 2019

To whom it may concern,

I write in support of Ryan Amalfitano's application for your position. I have known Ryan for three years, in my capacity as Assistant Professor at Brock University, and I have been impressed by his outstanding performance and professionalism at every turn. I believe he would be a strong addition to your team.

In his fourth year, Ryan served as the lead programmer in our Team-Based Practicum in Interactive Media Design and Production course. This honours course simulates a professional media development environment in which students form and run their own studio and release a product (in this case the videogame Spy2K); myself and my co-instructor serve as publishers who hold the studio accountable for their work. Ryan's performance in this context was outstanding, and he played an instrumental role in moving the studio's game across the finish line. His work for the course received an A+.

Ryan stood apart not only for his clear talents as a programmer but his strong interpersonal abilities. This made him our obvious choice for promotion when we required a new technical lead halfway through the course. As incoming technical lead, Ryan resolved concerns about communication gaps between the programming and design teams; he also did so while promoting a serious yet collegial working atmosphere. Ryan is not afraid to step out of his comfort zone and, in my experience, brings a set of astute and well-developed skills that ensure he excels when doing so. I have no doubt the opportunity presented by your position would evoke further excellence from him.

Ryan presents many assets as a prospective hire: industriousness, a problem-solving attitude, and an unfailing ability to meet deadlines. What sets him apart are his communication skills and his ability to model an environment in which everyone brings their best foot forward. He is, in my estimation, a wise hire indeed.

I would be happy to speak further to Ryan's performance by phone (905 688 5550 x3217) or email (achristie@brocku.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Christie", written in a cursive style.

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