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AUGUST 15, 2016

REGARDING:

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR GRANT KONISKI

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I am writing to provide a letter of recommendation for Grant Koniski. Grant worked at BluPath from May

Through August of 2016. Over these 4 months he worked on two significant passive house projects in Philadelphia. His tasks have varied from rendering, site surveying and construction documentation.

He produced a rendering and video animating of the exterior and site for the 2016 Sprout competition. The project for Renewal Homes is a 16 unit zero energy multi-family project. His work was instrumental in our winning third place in this statewide energy efficiency competition. He worked with both passion and skill, working overtime to meet an intense deadline. He fielded critical direction from both our client and me to achieve an excellent end product. The work will serve the clients marketing needs going forward. Additionally he assisted in drafting and modeling floor plan revisions and marketing materials.

He also worked on a passive house retrofit of an historic 4 unit row home in the Rittenhouse district of Center City Philadelphia. Grant helped survey the site, draft the base plans in AutoCAD and continued with construction documents. He is proactive in asking clarifying questions. He is diligent and focused with accurate and timely follow through.

Grants comports himself professionally and his overall engagement is excellent. He has an abundant interest in the technical and aesthetic aspects of these projects and our building science based strategies. Given more opportunities to learn and work, he will surely have a successful and contributing career in architecture.

Grant is a great addition to our team. I would welcome him back in an instant. I give him my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

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February 12, 2016

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

I am writing to provide a letter of recommendation for Grant Koniski. Grant worked at my firm in the spring and summer of 2015. We were extremely busy during this time so there was not as much time for one on one conversation as I had hoped. Nevertheless, he dove into all tasks presented and produced results I could utilize immediately.

Grant has unusual initiative and understands when to ask questions and when to work on his own. He naturally develops design ideas and is able to work independently. The documentation work is thorough and accurate and he checks his work in situations where accuracy is essential for success. He quickly grasps regulatory and technical issues and possesses unusual focus in carrying out both design and documentation tasks. He is able to utilize technology that is new to him and develop new skills independently. The development of new modeling skills is a particular interest and one he creatively and productively applies to design work.

I recommend him highly and believe he will continue to flourish in architectural practice going forward.

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August 26, 2016

SARA Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of Grant Koniski, whom is applying for the SARA Grant. I have known Grant through the Architecture program at Temple University as his professor in beginning design studio.

Throughout my academic experience with Grant has shown exceptional design skills. He is intellectually agile, artistically talented and mature beyond his years. As a student Grant excelled in the conceptual framing of his projects and was talented enough to execute them at a very high level. Though talented and skilled he continuously strived to improve and challenge himself beyond what were the stated expectations.

Grant showed intellectual curiosity and brought his own research to the design discussions. This showed an ability to be self-motivated and reliant which also was revealed by how prepared he was for each class. This showed a maturity beyond his years and an ability to extract himself from the distractions of a beginning design studio course.

Not to be lost is the fact that Grant is a fine young adult who was always willing to engage in discussion, has smart and insightful questions and listens carefully before coming to a conclusion on a position. It is with pleasure that I highly recommend Grant for the SARA Grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Oskey'.

Eric Oskey
Associate Professor, Architecture Department
Division of Architecture and Environmental Design
Temple University, Tyler School of Art

Letter of Recommendation for Grant Koniski

August 25, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Grant Koniski's application for the SARA Grant program.

Grant is a student in the Bachelor of Science in Architecture Program here in the Architecture Department, Tyler School of Art, Temple University. He looks forward to getting his professional degree in architecture in the years after he earns his BS Architecture degree. Grant is an excellent and student with a positive attitude about his work and enthusiasm for all he does. His studio design work serves as the core of his studies, and his portfolio shows a keen interest in understanding architecture as design inquiry. His work has matured in his three years at Temple, and he enters his final year of undergraduate study well prepared.

During his time as a student, Grant has been fortunate to have worked in internships for Janice Woodcock and then for Laura Blau and Kevin Davey. The opportunity to learn in the small office setting while in school is a great benefit. In Grant's case, the positive impact the office setting has had on his studio and other course work is clear. In his personal statement, Grant's enthusiasm is coupled with a growing maturity and healthy criticality that will allow him to engage the profession fully.

I fully support Grant's application for the SARA Grant program – he will serve as a positive ambassador for architects and your organization, first as a student, then as an intern and as a professional. I foresee many years of consistent support for and engagement in SARA in Grant's future!

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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