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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of introduction and reference for my esteemed colleague Dr. Victoria Hall. I have worked with Dr. Hall for over five years at the Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions, Regis University in Denver, Colorado, and I consider her to be an outstanding colleague. It is my firm belief that the organization that Dr. Hall is selected to work will immensely benefit from her talent, skill sets and her enthusiasm for the use of technology in the curriculum. In this letter, I would like to highlight Dr. Hall's work as a course developer using technology.

Four years ago, Dr. Hall along with a colleague in Distance Education worked on developing an interactive game - http://rhchp.regis.edu/NR/APA_Tutorial/APA_Tutorial.html - that would engage students in understanding and applying the APA (American Psychological Association) style to academic and research papers. This project was a huge success and Dr. Hall then went on to present a conference paper on this game at the E-Learn 2005: World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare & Higher Education titled "Engaging the Online Learner in Academic Writing: The APA Format Interactive Tutorial."

In January 2006, Dr. Hall was commissioned to work on another interactive course material on how students could do a head to toe assessment effectively using a video camera. Nursing students were wary of this assignment which had been presented until then in a text based format. Dr. Hall worked as part of a team with a videographer and a programmer. The project can be viewed at the URL: <http://rhchp.regis.edu/NR/NR415/NR415.html>. The feedback for this interactive course material was very encouraging and positive.

In April 2008, Dr. Hall was commissioned to revise the Nursing Orientation for new students with the goal of making sure the students had a good introduction to the University, College and the Nursing School and also will provide the students with a sense of confidence in using technology besides giving them a sense of community. Dr. Hall succeeded in building an interactive orientation which included a visual presentation of the University and the Learning Management System used to deliver online courses, built a cross-word and a wiki so that the students could understand the terminology used. The

orientation has proven to be a huge success and there are plans to commission Dr. Hall yet again to build an interactive orientation for other online programs in the College.

Since the office of Distance Education had been responsible for producing reports on the faculty and course evaluations at the end of every 8 week term, I do know that Dr. Hall has consistently received high evaluations from her online students.

Dr. Hall is a highly talented, detail oriented, driven individual who is very much at ease in using technology to enhance the learning environment for her students. Besides Dr. Hall is a great team player as well as a team leader. It has been my pleasure having a talented person of the caliber of Dr. Hall as my colleague all these years. I see a very bright future for her in a leadership position. I highly recommend Dr. Hall to become a member of your organization. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at gvaragoo@regis.edu.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gita Varagoor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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