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TO:

To Whom It May Concern

FROM:

Enrique Mallen, Spanish Program Director

Dear Madam/Sir:

It is my pleasure to recommend Richard W. de Meij for a foreign language teaching position.

I have known Richard for three years during which he taught Spanish in our department of Romance Languages and Literatures. I have always been impressed not only by his outstanding communicative competence in Spanish but also by the amazing enthusiasm he shows in expanding his knowledge of the Spanish language. I must also note that he has proven to be deeply interested in the cultural and historical aspects of the Spanish language, constantly asking questions about the differences between Spain and other Spanish speaking countries. Richard's extensive linguistic background and knowledge of several languages have definitely served to make him an outstanding member of any program or department.

On a more personal level, I may add that Richard is a mature and pleasant person who exhibits a very stable, solid character. I have always been impressed by his desire to be precise and I imagine that he is someone who constantly pushes himself not only to achieve but to surpass the normal expectations.

I hope that my assessment of Richard will be received with the enthusiasm which I feel for being asked to write this recommendation for him. Out of the other students for whom I have written recommendations in the past, I would unhesitatingly state that Richard is one of the most well-rounded and best qualified of them all. I believe that Richard will rank among the top instructors in your program.

Therefore, I recommend him without any reservations.

Sincerely.

Enrique Mallén

Assistant Professor

Director of Spanish Program