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To Whom It May Concern:

I have worked with Clark Shah- Nelson for six years as colleagues with Colorado Online Learning. I consider Clark to be the barometer of useful technology in today's tech savvy world. He consistently challenges my perceptions of what our students can do, academically, technologically, in and out of class. His German classes are a great mix of affordable technology and state of the art pedagogy. Clark's students learn!

Working with Clark has been fun. He pushes the envelope of what Colorado Online Learning is all about. His comments are always constructive and helpful and have brought the organization forward. We would not be where we are today without Clark's help. Without knowing it, he has mentored a family of foreign language teachers and has provided the model that COL uses when creating other foreign language classes. Just yesterday, another state online system asked to examine Clark's classes in preparation of creating their own version.

In the classroom Clark pushes the kids to excellence in a friendly sort of way. His students leave German class with the tools necessary to do well at the next level. One native-German speaking superintendent told me that Clark's students had the best German accent of any German 1 students she has ever worked with. That impressed me.

Clark has my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

Instructional Development Director