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To Whom It May Concern:

Ms. Sandra Villarreal has asked me to write a letter of recommendation for her, and I do so with pleasure. Sandra took two courses with me while she was a student at Pratt Institute. She also worked extensively with me as an assistant in both my studio and at Pratt. Currently she is an instructor in my department at Pratt Institute.

The courses Sandra took with me were a two-dimensional imaging course and a three-dimensional animation course. In both, she did excellent work. She is an extremely thoughtful artist, and has great visual and technical skills. Both of these classes revolved around the students bringing in their work each week and discussing it. Sandra was both unusually receptive to criticism and suggestions from others, and unusually skillful at making helpful – sometimes quite insightful – criticisms and suggestions herself.

Sandra also worked for me as a graduate assistant during her studies at Pratt, helping me develop course and website materials. Once again, her work was of the highest quality.

I subsequently engaged Sandra to work as an assistant in my studio for a year. This work involved large-scale imaging for interactive multimedia murals, website development, promotional CD-ROMs, and some graphic design work. In all this work, she was an invaluable assistant. Her technical skills in all these areas are excellent, and what she doesn't know, she is very capable of figuring out. Her eye for design is excellent and I frequently allowed her great creative latitude in developing portions of a given work. On a personal level, she is extremely reliable, trustworthy and pleasant. She works well either in a group or on her own.

While away on a trip, I asked Sandra to take over my Advanced 2D Imaging class at Pratt for two weeks. She did so with her usual excellence. Subsequently, and partly on my recommendation, Sandra was hired by my department to teach several courses. She has since become an important and valued part of our regular faculty, and has most recently developed a new course devoted to Interactive Installations.

In my seventeen years of teaching at Pratt Institute, I have encountered many bright, talented and capable people. Sandra Villarreal ranks among the very brightest, most talented and most capable of those. I unhesitatingly give her my highest

recommendation. I am confident she will excel in whatever she undertakes, and I am confident that any employer will feel fortunate to have hired her.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Rourke
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