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To Whom it May Concern –

I have worked with M. Joy Rose as the internship coordinator at the High School of Art & Design and she served as a site supervisor to our students at the Museum of Motherhood.. She has overseen a diverse group of high school students placed in internships at the Museum of Motherhood for the last three years. Under her tutelage these young men, and women, have gained a greater sense of direction and purpose.

The exhibits, art-making opportunities, and education she provided were seminal for these kids on their path to personal achievement. At the same time her commitment to each person individually was inspiring. Some of these students had severe learning disabilities and in some cases this internship was the *one* thing that produced profoundly positive results.

Not only did these students thrive during their time at the museum but many of them went on to leverage jobs and college admittance based on their experiences with Joy. She is organized, creative, and exceptionally motivated to seek out the best in everyone she works with. I know many of these students are still in contact with Joy and look forward to her ongoing advice and leadership.

Sincerely,

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To Whom it May Concern:

I worked with Joy Rose for several years when her Intern Program at the Museum of Motherhood was offered to our students at the High School of Art & Design.

Joy worked with several of my students with varying degrees of learning disabilities who were accepted and welcomed into the Intern Program at the Museum of Motherhood. This proved to be a significant experience in growth, confidence, and self esteem for them. Joy, and the inclusive aspect of her programs, supported not only my students but all of our students in ways I have not seen before in an internship and produced profoundly positive results.

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With great confidence I give my recommendation for Joy Rose.

Sincerely,

Pam Zahn

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Testimonial for Joy Rose

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Research Associate at Columbia University and the Workplace Center. The Workplace Center, located at Columbia School of Social Work, is a research, evaluation training, program and policy development institute focused on the issues that place people at risk with respect to successful labor force participation. During the 2012- 2013 academic year, I was a Master's level Social Work intern for Joy Rose at the Museum of Motherhood.

Joy's impact on my education and training is immeasurable. Beyond being a patient teacher and a giving mentor, she also proved to be a thoughtful and provocative social leader.

- Joy guided me through understanding the complex issues of motherhood and herstory, always advocating for and encouraging empathy towards situations and experiences I could not fully understand or process.
- Joy provided a safe, secure and empowering learning environment. Questions and discourse were encouraged and she placed great value on my role as an intern. My point of view, opinions and ideas were listened to and often incorporated into operations at the museum.
- Joy leads by example. Her work ethic and passion for social change lead to tangible results and are an inspiration to all who work with her.

Additionally, Joy is absolutely wonderful to work with. She has a beautiful sense of humor, is always positive, and a team player.

I recommend Joy without hesitation. I believe she will be as enormous of an asset to you as she has been to me. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 708-307-2924 or [jkk2126@columbia.edu](mailto:jkk2126@columbia.edu).

Sincerely,

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