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To Stanford University Graduate School Admissions Committee,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Roy Chan whom I have known since he enrolled in the Spring 2009 PS5/Bio14 field experience course I co-taught at UCI. Roy and I have had the opportunity to have several conversations since he graduated in June 2009 so I think that I know him well enough to write this letter of recommendation in support of his candidacy for your program.

As a student, in our course, Roy electronically submitted several written assignments. In his writing about teaching, I found Roy to be reflective and unusually insightful in his comments. His writing exhibited the passion he felt about making a difference with at-risk youth. Roy liked thinking of new ideas and quickly incorporated them into his educational philosophy. In addition, when he wrote, Roy always included a quote from another reading or from another class. He continually made connections between present learning and past learning. On the other hand, as an English Learner himself, Roy needed to work on his grammar skills. He was a fluent writer but was not always accurate in his choice of vocabulary or phrasing.

Among his strengths, Roy is altruistic and enjoys donating his time and talent for causes in which he believes. He is currently in China for a year teaching English as a Second Language. This tells you a lot about the person that Roy is. He wants to make a difference in the world, one person at a time.

Roy is a well-spoken young man with excellent interpersonal skills. Articulate in speaking in front of others, Roy's passion comes through in the words he chooses. He has boundless enthusiasm for teaching inner city students and is passionate about teaching. Roy is nothing if not persistent. He will be successful in your program because he is self motivated, as he brings a lot of energy and skill to your program.

Your program will be enriched by having Roy as a participant. I strongly recommend him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Therese Shanahan".

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