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INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION

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Letter Of Recommendation For Teale Faila

Instructional Television has employed me for 29 years. I have held the position of Chief Engineer for 25 of these years. In this position, one of my responsibilities has been the training of interns and staff in both engineering and production positions.

I have trained and worked with Teale as a staff member for over a year. I have found her to be an exceptional employee; she has impressed me with the speed at which she learns and the detailed questions she has asked. Teale has shown an ability to understand complex engineering matters, some of which are well beyond her current job requirements. She has a very logical mind and has shown use of deductive reasoning to solve problems.

Of the hundreds of interns and staff members I have trained over the years Teale is one of a handful that have shown an interest to learn on their own. For example, when I first speak to new people I stress that Instruction Television is not a school. Interns and staff members are trained to operate equipment and work studio crew positions. Additional learning requires asking questions, or reading instruction manuals for the equipment in the facility. Very few have ever taken the time to pick up, much less read, these manuals. I however have walked into the office to find Teale reading these manuals and have even been asked to locate a particular one if she could not find it on her own. This has indicated to me a desire on her part to not only learn basic fundamentals, but to advance to detailed operation of the equipment available for her use.

In a student/teacher environment I have found Teale to be attentive with an outstanding attention span. She is responsive to questions posed to the group and will ask questions if there is an area she doesn't quite understand. These questions are always well phrased and indicate a good understanding of the material being presented. She'll do additional research on her own to strengthen her comprehension or curiosity on a given subject.

When working on studio productions Teale has demonstrated ability to effectively direct a production crew, and has shown creativity with her suggestions and ideas. In fact, every May ITV airs a live awards show called the EDDY AWARDS. In this show news reporters from New York City give awards to students that participated in ITV's News And Views show during the year. This last year Teale's concept and set design was chosen for this production. Teale also supplied the talent to produce the majority of the required set pieces and artwork. When Teale is working a particular crew position, she maintains a professional attitude and reliably performs the requirements of that position.

In the time that I have worked with Teale, I know of no time that she has had a problem of any kind with another person in the facility. I myself have found her to be very easy to get along with and a pleasure to work with. She always follows instructions and completes tasks assigned her.

In summary, I have found Teale to be a person with exceptional abilities and talents. She has a drive to improve herself, and it came as no surprise when she indicated her intention to continue her education. I highly recommend her to you, for acceptance at your institution.

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