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I am writing a letter of recommendation for Errol Schumann who is applying for the position of Regional director for the Sonoran Institute. I am a professor in The English Department at Montana State University and have had the pleasure and honor to work with Errol over the past many months on a campus park project called Project Iris Garden. One of the most fortunate days in the history of our student restoration project was the day that campus facilities services gave us the name of Errol Schumann, landscape architect to help us further our vision. We had a fledgling project to restore a neglected park until Errol came into the picture and without pay, took our student survey ideas and drew up some fabulous architect plans, helped us present our ideas to the college President and administration with tremendous confidence, knowledge, and precision that he actually won over the administration to support our park renewal agenda. He has given generously of his time, energy and expertise to help us with our efforts.

Errol came to us with a whole array of skills, passion, and commitment to seeing the project through. He has a tremendous ability to see a vision and implement ideas to make it to reality. He took the ideas we gave him and worked on designs independently and then, checking in with the student organization, reviewed and revised the ideas to agree with our agenda. He communicates with ease and clarity, and we were amazed at his comfort when speaking with the administration on our plan. He has an incredible way of articulating all the ideas the students had formulated over the past six months. He has pulled together campus facility services, and other organizations on campus such as the alumni association to see that the funding and commitment for this project takes place. He has worked effectively with the leaders of our organization throughout the entire process. I have been amazed at his effort, integrity and management style throughout this project. If we had the funding, we would hire Errol in a minute. He is an outstanding individual, with a heart and vision for sustainability projects as you can see from his impressive resume. He comes to a job with a wide breadth and scope for a project and simulates his clients with ideas, visuals, and draws from his previous experiences a wider vision for a project.

I highly recommend Errrol for this position knowing that what he has offered in volunteer work would be expanded if this were his fulltime work. He is an excellent designer with a great heart and passion for sustainable spaces who will make a huge difference in the world with his work.

He has been a tremendous asset to our organization, and I know he will be to yours as well. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 406-587-3682.

All the best in your search,

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