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Subject: Nancy Noonan Reference Letter Date: March 19, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of sitting in on Nancy's "The Art of Mastery" keynote presentation at our annual Awards Banquet. To set the stage, a snowstorm had hampered travel to the meeting for our employees. The banquet setting was a long, open, narrow sunroom which, in and of itself, created an acoustically challenging situation. Adding to this circumstance, the food service was delayed to accommodate the late arrival of some of our employees, so the wait staff flowed in and out of the room serving lunch during Ms. Noonan's presentation.

Nancy handled a loud, somewhat difficult situation with great poise and humor. She respectfully commanded our attention with graceful professionalism and had an unassuming way about her that easily encouraged audience participation. Nancy also had a unique way of drawing on people's inquisitive nature. She provided wonderful slides and images to support her subject matter. I found Nancy to be a very professional, courteous, observant, curious, intelligent, playful, and passionate individual. I stand by my recommendation of Nancy by saying that I would readily enroll in an Art History class in which she was the instructor. She masters her art beautifully.

Sincerely,

Steve Park
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