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To whom it may concern,

Fennel Doyle actively participated an HTML and Web Design course I taught in fall 1999 at the Parsons School of Design, Communication Design Department, in New York City. She brought fresh ideas to class, demonstrated technical ability, and asked questions to further her understanding of HTML, and the web as a communication medium, beyond the curriculum. She has kept in touch ever since graduating from the AAS Fast-Track Program. She successfully handled the rigors of my class, and completed a two year program within one concentrated year of work.

As her final project, Fennel produced an on-line photo essay of the 1998 St. Croix Carnival Parade, in the Virgin Islands. With this project, she not only mastered the HTML skills, but she used her own photography. Her photography clearly set her project apart from other students' work.

For her project, she chose an easy to understand navigation system that immersed the user into the experience of being at a parade. She set up a primary path, whereby hyperlinks instruct the user to "March On" or "Shuffle Back". This allowed the user to set the parade pace and direction for themselves, and also interconnected the content. The result was a fun, colorful, non linear representation of the parade experience, much like you may have experienced if you were there.

Fennel made an extra credit presentation to the class about the Brooklyn Museum of Art exhibit "Sensation", as seen on-line through the sponsorship of David Bowie's site. The site addressed the issue of U.S. First Amendment rights and censorship on the web, and demonstrated the power of the web to amplify individual voices the world over, and bringing local affairs to an international stage, and public audience. This was a very important topic in New York at the time. Her presentation proved how she could reach beyond what was taught in the class, how the material covered related to the world at large, as well as her interest in world affairs.

Fennel has a great desire to learn, and interest in the calculating logic behind effective web design. She works hard to discover solutions on her own, offers assistance to others to fully grasp her knowledge of the subject matter, and clearly enjoys exploring the possibilities of computer technology and web design.

I whole heartedly recommend her.

Sincerely,

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