

To whom it may concern,

I have had the absolute pleasure of working with Jack Gray at the University of Houston for the last three years. As a graduate student and mentor at the university there are few other students that I can say I have relied upon as much as Jack. He is a strong leader and a levelheaded worker. He is excited to take on any new challenge including master carpentry, cnc programming, and special projects like building a bar for a production of *The Nest*.

I have also been able to watch Jack take on personal projects like producing an entire night of five-minute plays written, directed and designed by undergraduates for the University of Houston.

What is most admirable about Jack though, is his ability to quickly pick up skills in the scene shop. Even on this most recent project Jack expressed a desire to learn how to weld and under the mentorship of another graduate student he has been able to, right away, pick up the fundamentals of the skill. Jack is patient and clinical as he learns. This makes him the best person to also be able to pass on his knowledge. Jack is always the first person I think of to teach his fellow students about a technique or skillset I know he possesses. He easily breaks it down and explains it until his fellow classmate feels comfortable with the concept.

Jack, very early on, was seen as a person in the shop who could take on more difficult builds and projects. He takes on challenges head on and isn't afraid to ask questions when he gets stuck. He is an excellent problem solver and keeps a good attitude in the shop. I have no hesitation recommending him for any position. If you need any more information regarding Jack Gray please contact me by email at mary.carol.iiv@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

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