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Dear Joan:

This letter is in support of Thomas Miller's application for a Business Degree Completion Scholarship. Tom graduated from Rogue Community College with a transfer degree in business. Tom was a student in three of my business classes at Rogue: Introduction to Business, Personal Finance, and Business Law. While many students opt to take the less rigorous general education requirements, Tom completed the more demanding sequences in which he was able to apply his analytical abilities.

In the 30 years that I have been teaching, I can honestly say that Tom ranks in the top 5% of students I have taught. I speak from the experience of having taught thousands of students in my 28 years of teaching at various levels of higher education (community college, private liberal arts college, and undergraduate/graduate level of 4-year universities). In addition, he also brings a variety of life experience to the classroom after a successful career serving this nation in the Coast Guard.

Tom maintained a 3.88 grade point average at Rogue, achieving a 4.0 GPA in 11 of his 15 quarters here, earning him membership in the Phi Theta Kappa national honor society. Once leaving RCC, he continued to be a high achiever in his business coursework in the Degree Completion Program at SOU. Tom definitely demonstrates the initiative, persistence, academic ability, and leadership traits that your program can be proud of. I have no hesitation in recommending him for this scholarship as he finishes the remaining classes toward his bachelor's degree.

Sincerely,

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