

VASSAR COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Reference Letter for Sean Weiner**

November 15, 2001

It is my pleasure to serve as a reference for Mr. Sean Weiner. I met Sean three years ago when he was a student at Vassar College. He served as my research assistant, completed an independent study under my direction, and also guest lectured in one of my courses. Although I never had the opportunity to teach Sean in a regular classroom environment, I am familiar with his academic and professional work. I feel very comfortable commenting on his intelligence, personality, work ethic and potential for success in graduate school.

The words I would use to describe Sean are sensitive, socially conscious, intelligent and friendly. He would bring to graduate school a genuine enthusiasm for learning and a sincere commitment to understanding complex issues in the field of education and urban life. Sean has a very pleasant disposition and his interactions with other students at Vassar were very positive. I have been most impressed with Sean's sensitivity to the needs of the disadvantaged, particularly when it comes to issues surrounding equality of educational opportunity.

I have had several conversations with Sean about his professional experiences in education. During and following his years at Vassar, Sean has pursued an interesting and diverse array of work within the field of education. He participated in Vassar's urban education semester at the Bank Street College of Education. In this program he taught in the well-known Central Park East school system in New York City. Sean authored a paper on this experience that was presented at the National Ethnographer's Convention at the University of Pennsylvania. More recently, Sean has been teaching in a pre-school where he is also gaining valuable administrative experience.

Sean is interested in pursuing graduate work in curriculum and instruction with a particular emphasis on instructional technology. In my assessment, I believe he will succeed in graduate school. He is enthusiastic, motivated and "ready" for graduate study.

As I hope one can determine from this letter, I am confident about Sean Weiner's abilities. He is a strong student who will be an important contributor to your program. Should you need any additional information about Sean, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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