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## To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write a letter of reference on behalf of Suwatana Rockland, someone who I have known and worked with for more than 20 years. I first knew her when she was my dance teacher in the 1990's. At that time, she was well-known as a performer, choreographer and director in Thailand.

Suwatana (Pla) Rockland is a passionate educator who is always looking for ways to engage students in their learning process. She was invited to be an international guest lecturer in Costume Design at Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University (SSRU). During my observation in her class, she provided concrete and inspiring lessons. Her students are challenged and encouraged at the same time. Suwatana is a flexible facilitator, life-long learner and be aware of her students' needs for future career development. In my point of view, these are the qualities of teacher to teach  $21^{st}$  century learners.

While at SSRU, Suwatana was also asked to be a guest lecturer for Thammasat University and Patravadi High School. However, rather than simply grabbing this opportunity, she coordinated this through me in a way that clearly demonstrated her commitment to professionalism. This attention to relationships and respect taking priority over personal gain reflects Suwatana's character as a team player and a true professional of the highest level. If she was willing to relocate to Thailand, we would hire her at SSRU in a minute. In fact, I am hopeful that her employment in the United States will continue to allow opportunities for Suwatana to be an international guest of SSRU in the future.

Suwatana Rockland will be an irreplaceable asset to any university fortunate enough to be able to hire her. I give my highest recommendation in terms of her skills, creativity, knowledge, collegiality and unstoppable passion for teaching!

If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

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