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re: **Jenna Spevack / Letter of Support**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to provide Professor Jenna Spevack with my enthusiastic support for the position of Associate Professor.

While studying as an undergraduate student at New York City College of Technology I have had the pleasure of meeting a handful of really great professors. These are not professors who just gave me A's or praised my work but rather provided me with the needed constructive criticism that helped motivate me to do better, and ultimately create a lasting impression. Jenna is among these professors. She was my professor for three semesters, the first class was Vector Art and the last two were web design related.

Jenna is very dedicated to her profession. Taking full advantage of the web, she uses her own website ([www.profspevack.com](http://www.profspevack.com)) to manage all of her lessons and showcase student work. Students know exactly what is expected of them and can find previous lessons from her immaculately organized website. Even attendance is tracked online.

As the web is constantly growing and evolving, ways to do things more efficiently emerge everyday. Jenna is not afraid to learn and explore these new methods so that she can pass them along to her students. On many occasions she has sent links and provided support for problems that I had trouble solving. She has also taught me the importance of following web standards and creating websites with cross browser compatibility.

One semester, Jenna gave a real world assignment where students had to find a client and create a website for them. This was one of the best experiences during my four years at the school and allowed me to gain a perspective on how to deal with clients. I learned how to write a proposal, follow strict timelines, and come up with a budget. This has helped me a great deal as a freelance designer.

As a current designer at Forbes.com, I can say with confidence that the things Jenna has taught me are applied to my work everyday. I am constantly reminded of the importance of following web standards and cross browser compatibility as Forbes.com is viewed by thousands everyday. Jenna was one of the best professors I had the pleasure of knowing and is a great mentor. She has my full support in all of her endeavors.

Sincerely,

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