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Dear Hiring Manager or Search Committee,

It is my honor to recommend Mr. Conrad Gregory for a teaching position with your institution. Conrad joined the teaching staff at St. John of San Francisco Orthodox Academy as a French instructor in our high school program in January 2020 and taught with us through the academic year of 2021-2022. During his time as our high school French teacher, he brought stability, integrity, and quality of instruction to our students in grades 9-12.

Conrad taught beginning, intermediate, and advanced courses of French. He effectively implemented our school's French curriculum, making modifications and creating supplemental materials as necessary. He created a positive culture in the classroom where students felt comfortable taking risks in their learning of French as a foreign language and developed constructive relationships with his students. Conrad weaved cultural content into his lessons to make them engaging and created a high level of interest in the Francophone world for our students.

Not only was he effective in maintaining a rigorous program and conveying instruction, he also willingly and productively collaborated with the Academy's Foreign Language Consultant and administration in an amicable and collegial manner. He participated in peer observations and engaged in feedback sessions with colleagues and the administration. Because he was participating in a Masters of Arts in Teaching of Languages program related to French language instruction, he was able to incorporate content that he was learning in his classes directly into practice in our classroom at St. John's.

Conrad brings to the classroom his commitment to serving his students with the highest quality of instruction, a love for the language he teaches, and a warm and inviting personality. He is a compassionate educator that cares for his students and works diligently to differentiate learning in order to help each individual achieve success. He is a talented and accomplished foreign language educator, and as he is finishing up with his MATL-French from University of Southern Mississippi, he is poised to become a welcome asset to any foreign or modern language program in a secondary or post-secondary institution.

If you have any questions or would like to speak more in detail about Conrad's employment with St. John's Academy, please feel free to email me at jparamonov@stjohnsacademysf.org or call 415-738-9703.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Julia Paramonov'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julia Paramonov

Principal, St. John of San Francisco Orthodox Academy