

# DEPAUL UNIVERSITY



**Letter of Recommendation: Dan Uress**

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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to recommend Dan Uress to your institution. I teach art history courses here; last fall quarter Dan was a student in my "Chicago's Architecture" class. This class was part of a program for incoming freshman called Discover Chicago. It involves an intense one-week experience of site visits beginning before the traditional start of school followed by a traditional in-class experience during the regular fall term. In addition to the class we shared, Dan and I have had many conversations about school, careers and college life.

I can easily say that Dan was the best student from that class, and he demonstrated it during the first day of class. He was attentive, asked great questions, and conducted himself very professionally. Because of his self-motivation, he acted as the classroom photographer and took dozens of images of the class and of the buildings we saw. When the course was drawing to a close, Dan showed these in a power point presentation of his own design--his classmates were delighted!

For his final writing project Dan concentrated on one famous Chicago building: the 333 Wacker Building. His report was (by now characteristically) thorough and well written. Some of Dan's expertise must be a result of his work for the DePaulia, the campus newspaper. Dan received a grade of "A" for the project and an "A" for the course. What I admired most about Dan was how committed to the class he was: staying after to ask interesting questions, making observations when we visited an architect's office, and generally showing a level of leadership the other students didn't, or couldn't.

I'm sorry to see Dan leave DePaul, but, as he may have indicated, he's looking for a more engaged living situation where the students don't go home every weekend and where they admire campus involvement. Sadly, this often happens with our best students; perhaps this is a function of being a commuter school.

Dan will add to your institution, I'm sure. Please give him an interview and/or give his application lots of consideration. If I can help in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully:

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