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To Whom This May Concern,

I am pleased to write in support of Yuko Yokokawa, who I've known for over 1 year as a very creative, always eager to learn and highly motivated student. Yuko has successfully completed several of my design courses at College of San Mateo, including DGME 103 (2-D Design), DGME 230 (InDesign), and DGME 220 (Typography).

As Yuko's professor, I have long been impressed by her passion for design, strong problem-solving abilities, excellent illustration skills, determination and work ethic. Not only Yuko has a very strong grasp of the design fundamentals, but also possesses a thorough understanding of the steps of the design process. Her work is always supported by in-depth research and well executed.

Yuko is a self-starter, who thinks outside the box, learns new concepts with ease, and takes critique well. Last year Yuko participated in a juried student design show at the San Mateo Public Library and won two design contests. Her promotional poster for the City of Marseille, created for an international design contest, was featured in "Show Us Your Type" online gallery. Yuko was also the winner of an illustration contest, the goal of which was to develop a character/persona for a wine app.

Yuko is a highly motivated individual. She is very serious about learning, and, without a doubt, is ready for the next step in her professional career as an artist/designer. I recommend Yuko with absolute confidence. If you would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [fainshteinv@smccd.edu](mailto:fainshteinv@smccd.edu) or by phone: 818.437.0306.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vera Fainshtein', is written over a horizontal line.

Vera Fainshtein  
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