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Objective

Recent NMSU graduate seeking work in Web Design and/or Development in the southwest. My goals are to work with the Internet and Web. I've spent my academic career and personal time becoming competent and flexible within creative, programming, and technical areas.

Tools & Skills

Hard Coding (A+) – HTML (A+)

CSS (A+) – PHP (A+)

JavaScript (A-)

Chrome Developer Tools (B-)

Browser Compatibility (A+)

Mobile (B+)

WordPress (A+)

Photoshop (A-)

Linux/Server, SSH, & FTP, etc (A-)

Work Experience

**New Mexico State University
(2007 – 2011)**

Worked with five departments at NMSU: the College of Business, Human Resources, the Honors College, the Institute for Energy & the Environment, and the Center for Latin American & Border Studies, leading Web development and perfecting [Accolade](http://accolade.nmsu.edu) (accolade.nmsu.edu), a WordPress theme for NMSU.

**Digital Solutions
(Jan – May 2006)**

Internship: I worked with other staff members on a large number of projects per day, including graphic design and Web design. My greatest contribution was building Websites and educating the staff in Web standards and design using CSS.

Education

**Doña Ana Community College
(2004 – 2006)**

Associates of Applied Science

[Creative Media Technology](#)

More info on the Degree: (dabcc.nmsu.edu/tsd/creative)

Clubs & Accomplishments

Creative Media Club

Designing official logos for [Department](#) and [Club](#)

**New Mexico State University
(2007 – 2011)**

[Bachelors of Applied Studies](#)

More info on Degree: (extended.nmsu.edu/academics/bas)

Computer Science (College of Computer Science)

Graphic Design (College of Art & Design)

Engineering Technology (College of Engineering)

New & Mass Media (College of Journalism & Mass Media)

Business, Advertising & Marketing (College of Business)

I have taken upper-division classes in these areas across multiple colleges. I felt I could get more out of college by having added skills in these areas.

Clubs & Accomplishments

Judo Club, [Accolade](#),

Tennis Club (Vice President),

Honors Courses

References

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LinkedIn

You can find more info and recommendations from my supervisors and peers on my [LinkedIn profile](#).
(linkedin.com/in/racqnhack)

Hobbies & Interests

Tennis, Judo, Wing Chun, Blogging

November 20, 2011

To Whom it May Concern:

I am sure you are getting letters concerning Aubrey's exceptional technical capabilities and proficiency. This letter will concentrate on character, ethics, responsibility and reliability, discipline and determination, all of which Aubrey possesses in abundance.

I'm an editor and webmaster for the [College of Business](#), New Mexico State University. I hired Aubrey in October 2007 and worked with him through May 2011. Hiring him was one of the best decisions I ever made.

When Aubrey is on a project he lives, eats, breathes and dreams it. I know this because of the hundreds of hours we worked together, rebuilding a motley conglomeration of confusing, separate departmental, administrative, and college-level sites into one big, beautiful, coherent College of Business site. His determination, discipline and professional skills are the reason why our site works, not only for our visitors, but also for our users. Aubrey chose WordPress as our website platform in early 2008 and his decision has proven to be an excellent one. Although the college's site is strictly constrained by the use of the NMSU template and style, Aubrey created the programming and code that works in tandem with WordPress and NMSU's template to increase our site's functionality, provide it with some pizzazz, and make it easy for non-technical people to work with. Now other NMSU colleges, departments and administrative entities are switching to WordPress and using the code he developed (visit Aubrey's [Accolade](#) site). Aubrey is also a contributor for WordPress. When I discovered a problem using html list code, I called him, he contacted WordPress, they figured out the cause and the solution and WordPress has said it will incorporate the fix in their next upgrade. Service doesn't get any better than that.

Aubrey is a genius. He really, really doesn't like me to say that, but this is my letter and my opinion. I did look up the definition, and feel vindicated in my assessment:
gen·ius/'jēnyəs/ Noun: Exceptional intellectual or creative power or other natural ability. A person who is exceptionally intelligent or creative, either generally or in some particular respect.

Why do I think this? Because in my four years of working with Aubrey I watched this happen consistently: No matter what obstacle, technical glitch, administrative angst, programming bug or people just bugging us, Aubrey fixed it, found a compromise, wrote a program, soothed a frazzled nerve. I know no one knows everything. But if Aubrey didn't know it, he figured it out and made it work. In our jobs developing the college site, we kept in mind our web visitors' abilities which range from tech savvy students to administrator and donor attitudes of "I'm 62 years old and I don't want to learn anything new." Aubrey's broad ranging and in-depth capabilities, which include server- and client-side programming, helped us bridge that gap. We also have webpage authors whose web editing skills vary from zero experience to expert. All of them are able to not only find what they need on our site, but edit their content if they're inclined.

Aubrey is a team player. More than that, he understands his fellow team members and his clients, and he incorporates their ideas and desired outcomes into a finished, polished, usable product. In my experience, that makes him a team leader, too. He can work with programmers, editors, IT

staff, administrators, bureaucrats, artists. He can explain one thing ten different ways until you understand it. And if you can't "get it" with words, he'll draw pictures. I've had first-hand experience with this. We developed a method of communication using a 4'x9' white board that helped us explain to each other the programmer point of view, the administrator point of view, and the solution when we wrangled to come up with a compromise. Aubrey taught me things I needed to know to be successful in my job. Not only that, he taught me how to teach myself. Now I have the ability to do that for others. But when I get stuck and need his help, he's just a phone call away. He is still as dedicated to our site as he was when he first started. His personal and work ethic are phenomenal.

I loved working with Aubrey. You will, too, and I believe you'll find him to have integral, pivotal influence on your success. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,
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November 18, 2011

Subject: Letter of recommendation for Aubrey Portwood

To whom it may concern:

Aubrey Portwood has been employed by the Human Resource Services Department for New Mexico State University since June 1, 2010. While studying to complete his bachelor's degree in Applied Studies from the College of Extended Learning he began working in a student employment capacity to assist the Center for Learning and Professional Development in revamping the Human Resource Services website. Through reassignment of the website task due to organizational changes, Aubrey was transferred to work under my direction effective February 25, 2011. I could not have been more pleased to have his expertise and assistance while taking on this task. Aubrey is very attentive and focused on researching and obtaining the best solution for issues that may arise. He is very knowledgeable in his field of study and this has been demonstrated in the reputation he has received not only in the Human Resource Services department but various departments across the university in which he has worked (Honors College, College of Business, Latin American Studies). He has a great deal of experience in working with diverse entities and fully understands the business needs of the client while presenting new and up-to-date ideas. It is very apparent that he remains in-tune with technology as it evolves.

Aubrey has definitely left his mark at NMSU by taking the WordPress.org publishing platform and creating his own tailored theme for NMSU which he has labeled *Accolade* (<http://accolade.nmsu.edu>). Accolade follows the approved brand identity program standards established to be used university wide. Not only did he ensure it followed the branding standards, he consulted with the Brand Identity representatives to further enhance his program inclusions and get buy-in to support it. Accolade has given many website maintainers the tools they have long been searching for to better manage their departmental sites.

Even as a student employee, Aubrey is very professional when dealing with upper-level management. He communicates well and is confident when presenting ideas or issues. He is very dependable and organized. He is committed to doing a great job and always offers extra assistance even when he is not scheduled to work. I have no doubt that Aubrey will be a great employee working in a professional capacity. He has a pleasant personality, and is of good character for any work environment. It is with delight that I recommend Aubrey Portwood for a position within your company.

With sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Amber Gabaldon'.

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