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To Whom It May Concern:

As a graduate of Arizona State University, I highly recommend that Joshua Kirk be admitted to the Herberger Institute for Design and the Fine Arts. I believe that not only will he be an engaged and motivated student, but his energy, creativity and focused agenda will inspire and positively impact others.

I first learned of Joshua when he joined the staff at Cherry Hills Community Church as the Creative Program Director. At the time, I was serving on the Elder Board (a governing body for a congregation with 10,000 members). From this role, I had the privilege of touching base with the various activities of the whole church and knew that the Children's Ministry was changing. From a distance, I watched as the gym (with traditional basketball hoops and linoleum floors) was transformed into a beautiful, imaginative and inviting space for children called "the Treehouse." Not only, was the physical space changed, but the interaction with children was reshaped. Engaging children, emotionally, physically and spiritually took on a whole new perspective. Later, I learned that Joshua was responsible for a majority of the work and the creative inspiration for this transformation.

Joshua once told me that he is at his best when a new production is just getting off the ground. It is when rehearsals are over, excitement is high, tempers are on edge, actors are excitable and things go wrong. At this moment, Joshua is focused on his vision for the production and is able to calm the chaos resulting in a successful experience for all. This sounds like a valued attribute for a director. I know that your program will inspire him, teach him new skills and enhance his experience. But, I also believe that Joshua brings a maturity that comes through experience and passion, and that he will add much more than he receives. He will definitely be an asset to your program.

I highly recommend Joshua as a student in your program. Please let me know if I can help in any way or answer any concerns.

Respectfully,

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President