



Technical Communication and Interactive Design

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Letter of Recommendation

Lauren Sanders

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Michael Lahey and I am the Coordinator of Interactive Design and an Associate Professor in the department of Technical Communication and Interactive Design at Kennesaw State University (KSU).

I am happy to recommend Lauren Sanders for design-related positions.

I taught Lauren in two classes—Interaction Design I and Professional Development. During her time at KSU, she was an engaged student who always strove to improve. While she showed many strong design skills, she primarily evidenced strong communication skills with teammates and displayed a solid understanding of how to translate design skills into business environments.

In Interaction Design I she was a team leader on a semester-long team project. In that class, the students learned about interaction design and applied that knowledge to student-led projects. Lauren's idea pitch, an ingredients app that offers recipes based on user specified ingredients, was selected as one of the projects students worked on that semester. Because of the pandemic, the class was taught online which presented many challenges for orchestrating a team-based project. Lauren showed maturity in the way she dealt with teammates' disagreements, how she resolved them, and how she kept her team on track. In short, her strong leadership skills were a value-add to her team.

In Professional Development she displayed knowledge of the business world through her ability to effectively contribute to class discussions. In that class, students prepared job market

deliverables like a portfolio and resume, went to networking events, and discussed their professional identity. She always chimed in with thoughtful comments that showed me that she understood the opportunities and constraints that come with integrating design into business conversations.

I believe Lauren would be a strong candidate for a range of design-related jobs. Please feel free to contact me at mllahey@kennesaw.edu or at 470-578-3806 if you need any further information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Lahey", written over a thin horizontal line.

Dr. Michael Lahey, Associate Professor & Coordinator of Interactive Design