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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure for me to write a letter of recommendation for Bob Wolf and HOPE. I have known Bob for several years now. Based on discussions with him about HOPE and the programs that Bob offers, I immediately recognized the value of his messages. At Brookhaven National Laboratory we are interested in preparing the next generation workforce for science and technology. The ability to build relationships, recognize the importance of others viewpoints, develop strong communication skills and learn to interact with others effectively are important skills that must accompany the ability to do great science. Recognizing the need for these skills is important as is the need to find tools to develop them. What I like about Bob's program and approach is that he provides both. He has an innate ability to gain the interest of the young people and illuminate the need for good business skills. He also provides guidance on how to build these skills and the need to practice them regularly to have them as effective resources for success.

My support for Bob and his programs comes from my own experience with one of our programs. I asked Bob if he would speak to a group of ninth grade students here in a four-week program at Brookhaven. He spent a couple of hours with the students. I spoke to several after the session and they were able to relate to the skills Bob worked to transfer, they recognized that Bob had role modeled the tools in his presentation, and they were positively influenced by the discussion. Just recently, I asked one young lady who was in the program over a year ago if it had a lasting impact. She readily recalled the content Bob presented, was very favorable about it, and did indicate it was useful.

In short, I am happy to recommend that Bob and his programs be considered independently or as a component within a larger program to bring enrichment that build the skills of young people looking to succeed.

Sincerely,



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