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To whom it may concern

**RE: Jakes van der Watt, Student number: 2015034057**

In my years lecturing at the Department of Architecture at the University of the Free State, I had the pleasure of having Jakes van der Watt as one of my students during 2018 as well as 2019. In both Architectural Design as well as Theory of Architecture Jakes at times pushed himself past the status quo of his class with a good body of work. Conceptual design explorations were extensively resolved with the final presentations. Drawing communication was well developed with a refined graphic ability.

Jakes developed a strong sense of identifying contextually sensitive design signifiers. This skill is vital to contribute meaningfully to the ecological environment and in this case with exciting design proposals. The theoretical underpinnings were well researched and realised in the materiality of the architecture. Investigations into the structural detail showed a competent and thorough approach.

As regards to character and personality, Jakes tends to set a wonderful moral in terms of work ethic and does respond well to constructive criticism. He was courteous and relaxed with both his fellow students and his lecturers and displayed strong leadership capabilities.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any additional information.

Yours sincerely

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