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To whom it may concern,

This is an academic, professional, and character reference letter for Mr. Wil Healey, a graduate of King's University College at Western.

I've known Wil since January 2014, when he was my student in mathematics 1225B. He stood out immediately as motivated, conscientious, and hard-working. He did well in this course, and in his other university mathematics courses. He has taken a good mixture of mathematics courses, including calculus, vector/matrix algebra, finite mathematics, and actuarial science. Wil is well-prepared to teach any level of high school mathematics.

In fall 2014, I recommended Wil to several students as a private tutor. The feedback from those students was phenomenal. So, I hired him.

Wil has worked with me as a teaching assistant almost continuously from 2015 through to now, and has helped several hundred first-year students during that time. He has been instrumental in planning and delivering drop-in help sessions, as well as formal test and exam review sessions for a variety of mathematics courses, sometimes helping with four courses at a time, which he balanced with his own school obligations and extra-curricular activities. The review sessions typically involved teaching core concepts to groups of 5-30 students, exploring test-style problems, and fielding questions.

At King's, we admit a high percentage of students whose strength is not mathematics, including students with backgrounds in 3C or 3M mathematics, often with low grades in those courses. Indeed, one of Wil's major roles has been to assist with math 0110A/B, which is a course that intakes students directly from MCF3M (or higher) and guides them through (and beyond) the calculus material covered in MCV4U. Another course I came to rely on Wil to help with is math 1229A/B, which also intakes students from MCF3M or higher, and covers the vectors portion of MCV4U, then extends through to more advanced concepts in matrix algebra. We rely on our instructors and teaching assistants to help students be successful in these university mathematics courses, and Wil has been an instrumental part of our team.

On personal qualities, I attest that Wil is patient, kind-hearted, and serious. He treats students with respect, behaves very professionally, works hard, and has always been reliable. He is an excellent role model for young people, and is someone you will enjoy working with.

Please contact me by phone or email if you have any questions. Sincerely,



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