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To Whom It May Concern:

John Yewell is a highly committed, serious, imaginative, generous, and talented fiction writer, whom I highly recommend for a teaching position in fiction, narrative writing, or literature.

Yewell's work in our program on a now completed novel called *The Spanish Beauty* frames California history in a strong and vivid piece finely written and vividly told. It has great generosity of plot and a moving, multi-layered story. John's commitment to story-telling is well-demonstrated in the suspense and tension of the piece. I was constantly impressed with the manuscript as I read it in a tutorial with John and am certain it will find a home.

John is also highly knowledgeable, mature, and kind. He is a lovely member of a group and knows well how to be an excellent peer as well as a model for others. In this way I am certain that he could be an excellent instructor in your program. As an older student, his passion for writing and I would assume teaching would be grounded in good sense and a naturally easy and sociable nature as well as the vast knowledge of writing from his work both in fiction and his career in journalism.

I have great enthusiasm for John and his work. I know he will be a rich resource, teacher, and community member wherever he is hired. His background in journalism also gives his work a professional tone and authority and his many years of on-the-job experience guarantee his diligence and high level of performance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maxine Chernoff', written in a cursive style.

Professor Maxine Chernoff,
Chair of Creative Writing