

May 9, 2008

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Michael Maharrey

To Whom It May Concern:

Michael Maharrey was a winter intern under my supervision, working as a regional/Metro reporter at the *St. Petersburg Times*.

His responsibilities included writing stories for *Neighborhood Times* and Metro editions of the *St. Petersburg Times* which targets readers in our largest circulation area – southern Pinellas County and the city of St. Petersburg.

During this time, Michael proved to be a hard worker and very talented reporter. I was able to witness his growth in becoming one of the best interns we've had here in some time. In light of this, Michael was given additional assignments.

Michael's willingness to go the extra mile to ensure accuracy and clarity in our news pages earned him the admiration and respect of editors of this paper.

Overall, Michael is a very conscientious and talented reporter who has proven worthy for consideration for future openings at the *St. Petersburg Times*. Personally, I would take him back in a heartbeat.

It is my opinion that Michael has what it takes to be a solid reporter at most major newspapers in the industry.

Sincerely,



Sandra J. Gadsden