

To whom it may concern:

This summer I was hired to be a branch manager for College Works Painting in Roseville Minnesota. Before the summer I had never painted in my life, nor had I ever been to Roseville Minnesota, but as I am sitting here typing this in late August I am proud to say that I successfully ran a \$50,000 business and now know the city of Roseville like the back of my hand. The experience was far from easy, but the conflicts that I faced and dealt with really proved to shape my character. My district manager, Marc Blumenthal, was a great influence on me and he taught me to take responsibility for my actions and also to be honest with everything that I did because I learned right away that trying to deceive your way through tough situations is only going to deepen the hole you are in. He challenged me to achieve goals that I didn't even see myself being able to achieve, and now I believe that I can do almost anything I put my mind to. Running this business was far and away the toughest challenge I have faced to this point in my life and I would not have been able to get through it without the help of Marc, and the other awesome interns that I worked with in the Minnesota division. Making money and getting reference letters from clients this summer was great, but the network that I acquired from working with these amazing people is easily the best thing that I took out of this internship. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marc, all the other Minnesota interns, and the company College Works for giving me the opportunity to achieve great heights this summer.

Sincerely,

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