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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Dr Andre Du Plessis has achieved a lot in the short time since he has joined the Faculty of Education in 2007. He has exhibited leadership characteristics of the kind needed in the Faculty at a time of great change and renewal especially in curriculum transformation. He has taken on various leadership roles and is presently the Head of Department of SMATE as well as Head of Programme of PGCE. He is an innovative teacher and as such had been recognised by the Faculty of Education as emerging teacher and teacher of the year respectively. These achievements were subsequently acknowledged by the university when he also became the NMMU teacher of the year the following year. He was also named as the emerging researcher of the Faculty of Education which was followed with the emerging Engagement award. All these awards achieved over the last few years bear testimony to his diligence and enthusiasm.

Dr Du Plessis also creates and maintains good relationships with both students and members of staff. He has a passion for information technology and is always in search of ways of how this skill can be incorporated into teaching. He gives generously of his time and has assisted many members of staff in this particular area as well.

I wish him well for any award he wishes to apply for.

Yours sincerely



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