

January 20, 2014
Re: Letter of Recommendation for Ricardo Barradas

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Ricardo Barradas. I met Ricardo when he was employed by Broadreach Summer Adventures as part of our adventure education programs for during the summer of 2013. His strength of character, high level of knowledge, passion for teaching and leadership abilities were apparent immediately. Ricardo is an experienced and disciplined sailor and teacher.

Broadreach specializes in providing educational and personal growth experiences for teenagers and college students in international locations. Due to the nature of our programs, we seek to hire staff with exceptional professionalism, leadership, teaching, foreign travel, and problem solving skills. They must possess a strong desire to work with young adults as their role model and mentor. They also must be able to work independently without direct supervision, and maintain a positive attitude in sometimes challenging circumstances. Ricardo, without question, possesses these attributes.

During the summer, Ricardo was hired to work as a Skipper, sailing instructor and course leader with Broadreach in our Caribbean Programs. These programs are sailing, scuba and marine biology adventures designed to teach students technical skills as well as develop their leadership and teamwork skills and introduce students to the marine environment. Ricardo performed all these tasks diligently and was a real asset to our organization.

In his role, Ricardo was primarily responsible for teaching and leading groups of 10 College students for three weeks at a time. The position comes with a lot of responsibility and he performed admirably. He has a high level of empathy for his students and he is universally liked by them. At the same time, he is a strong teacher and a positive role model for his students. In his role as course instructor, Ricardo taught his students about sailing, gave them an introduction to living and working onboard a boat and taught them to work together as a team. He is hard working, organized and motivated. He also leads both his students and his peers in a positive direction and excels as a teacher of young adults.

In my capacity as Operations Director here at Broadreach I have had the good fortune of getting to know and working with hundreds of great staff members and educators over the years. Ricardo stands out among this exemplary group for his positive attitude and his commitment to the well being of his students. It is without hesitation that I submit this recommendation on his behalf.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Matthias Mueller
Operations Director