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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR NECMETTIN YILDIRIM**

Necmettin Yildirim has asked that I address his teaching. He is currently in his second year of a postdoctoral fellowship at Chapel Hill. In his time here, he has taught a section of first semester calculus (a course which I supervised) and our applied linear algebra course. He has also taught several freshman/sophomore level classes at other institutions.

I observed his linear algebra class this semester. He is a good instructor, well prepared, lecturing at a level appropriate for the students, with plenty of well-chosen examples to illustrate the ideas. In fact, two of my advisees in another section of the same course expressed a desire to switch to his section after talking with some of his students. Although he has an accent, he speaks slowly and distinctly and has a remarkably clear handwriting with excellent board use. His command of English, including colloquialisms, is excellent. Students seemed to have no difficulty understanding him, and he answered their questions appropriately. The class was quiet but when he asked if they understood the material, they responded positively. He ended the class with a nice discussion of drawing phase portraits of some discrete dynamical systems.

Although I did not observe his calculus class, all reports point to the class going well. His student evaluations indicate that students found him challenging, but fair and willing to give individual help. They rated him highly on enthusiasm, concern for and respect for students. Necmettin is a very personable and likable colleague, and I am confident that he will be an asset to your teaching staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sue E. Goodman".

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