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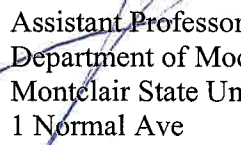
This is to certify that Michael Riegelman has worked for the Arabic Language Village (ALV) in Vergas, Minnesota from June to August 2006. The Arabic Language Village is the fourteenth language village that Concordia Language Villages (CLV) added this past summer. These language villages are unique in that language is taught in an immersive environment where the target language is used all the time and in all contexts. At the ALV, Michael worked as a senior councilor and a life guard. In his capacity, his responsibilities included teaching Arabic for youth from age 8 to 18, being a cabin counselor, preparing instructional material, and assisting the administration of the village. In October, I invited him to attend the Villages Leadership Council (VLC). He worked with me and other staff members to plan for the 2007 summer session, and evaluate the past session in terms of curriculum, staffing and recruitment.

During his work, Michael proved himself to be a hard working, honest and willing to do what it takes in order for this newly-established program succeed despite all the challenges. He did his work in a very fine fashion. Michael sought completeness perfection in his work. His interpersonal relationships with other staff members were exemplary. He took part in all activities. Michael was one of the few names mentioned by the villagers (campers) as an excellent counselor.

Michael is also the director of the New York City Arabic Language Club of which am a member. He organizes a lot of cultural and social activities. He recently organized classes in Modern Standard, Egyptian and Moroccan Arabic. He also organized a workshop in Arabic cooking. Michael is a very active social as well as professional person.

I am planning to invite Michael to come and work for the ALV in future sessions. I do recommend him highly for employment, and wish him all the success in his future endeavors.

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