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To Whom It May Concern:

It gives me great pleasure to write a letter in support of Tacy Costanzo. I have known Tacy for three years in my capacity as Engineering Instructor at Allan Hancock College (AHC), the California Community College in Santa Maria.

Tacy has spoken with our students on several occasions. The first time was three years ago when approximately 40 of our students visited UC Santa Barbara. In Spring 2006 and Fall 2006, she traveled up to AHC and on each occasion spoke to a group of 35-40 students. In addition, a dean, counselors, staff and various faculty members have also attended her presentations at AHC.

The counselors noted to me afterward that they learned a lot from Tacy's talk. The requirements for an engineering student to transfer are much different than those of a non-engineering major, so the insight Tacy provided was eye-opening. The major-related handouts that she developed specifically for AHC students were very useful. The information she provided was invaluable in guiding students through the often-confusing transfer process.

Tacy is quick to respond to my own questions about matters of transfer and articulation, either by phone or by email. Thus, with confidence, I can give up-to-date advice to my students. As I am a lecturer at UCSB during the summer, and often have occasion to visit the campus during the school year, I have often dropped by Tacy's office to discuss transfer and other academic topics. I can say that I always come away with a new piece of information or insight that will help me help my students.

Tacy is a valuable member of UCSB's College of Engineering staff, as well as a key outreach and retention figure for transfer students. Our transfer students are very fortunate.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



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