

THE GEORGE FOSTER PEABODY AWARDS

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to recommend Nicholas Plagman to your program. Nick has taken two of my courses (*Advanced Screenwriting* and *Producing for TV/Film*) and he excelled in both. I've also worked with him on a couple of his projects outside of the classroom.

Nick is a talented writer and director. He is particularly skillful at writing comedy dialogue and developing strong, believable characters. He works quickly and efficiently. I know that he admires shows like *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* and *The Colbert Report*, and has written a lot of insightful satire and parody while studying here at the University of Georgia.

He developed an idea for a reality television show that is highly original and commercial, and I have been helping him get his treatment in front of show-runners and executive producers.

He has written a pilot screenplay for a television show about six college students that is similar to *Glee*, and he has written excellent spec scripts for shows like *South Park* and *Archer*.

While at UGA he wrote and directed two short films employing undergraduates as actors, and both turned out well and have proven successful here on campus. I am eager to see him make a film in which he can work with professional crew and actors. He is a talented film-maker, and I have encouraged him to pursue a career in the industry.

Nick has expressed interest in moving to LA and taking his chances there. He has the ambition, drive and talent to succeed in that highly competitive environment.

I recommend him to you highly and without reservation. Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

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