

Greetings Dr. Wright,

As I have explained to you, I have been searching for programs to help my students, not only to obtain a high school diploma, but to have skills that will help them be hireable to businesses. The fact of the matter, many of my students may not graduate high school because they are disconnected to education. Although, it is a priority of all schools to try to get students to go to college; however, college is not for all kids causing many to question the purpose of education. Due to the lack of adequate, livable work and a proper education, many of these students make poor decisions where they become a part of the justice system further complicating their future or live a life of poverty. I have personally seen the struggles these students experience due to their lack of education and marketable skills.

Through our numerous conversations, I believe that we can increase the graduation rate for my students through the incentive of special training. This support will provide my students with the skills and training to enter the job market with a leg up on the competition. Not only that, they will be an important asset to our industry partners because they will possess much of the knowledge and skills our partners are seeking from candidates.

I believe we can turn the futures around for many students through the Peterson Project. Although there are many career and technical education programs in the state, Nevada is sorely lacking a program that gears students directly careers that are in high demand and professions that our industry partners are seeking. I feel that, through the Peterson Project, we can bridge this need. What a motivation it will be for students to know that after they complete our program and graduate, they will have a wonderful opportunity to be hired by our community partners in hospitality, automotive (Jim Marsh) and the renewable energy careers, like One World Energy/Wildan.

I would love to see my school have the privilege to partner with One World Energy/Wildan. I agree that the collaboration of academia and training with the support of industry is a win-win collaboration. It is an honor to have the opportunity to bring these outstanding prospects to my students. I hope that we can bring these programs to fruition to change the futures for many of Nevada's youths.

Respectfully,

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Michael Sharapan
Principal
Peterson Academic Center



Dr. Lonnie Wright
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Dear Dr. Wright:

As you know, the nation's and Nevada's new vehicle and heavy-duty truck dealers are in a near constant state of recruitment for new, qualified automotive technicians. It is projected that there will be a shortage of 370,000 auto service technicians through the year 2026. This need is so great that Charlie Gilchrest, Immediate Past President of the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) unveiled NADA's Workforce Initiative in an effort to help address this problem.

The Nevada Franchised Auto Dealers Association (NFADA) strongly believes that the program you have established in Las Vegas will prove to be very useful and is precisely what is needed to help "fill the pipeline" with qualified and enthusiastic individuals who want to seek a career in automotive repair. The idea of a two-month internship program will allow for a real-life learning experience for the student and permit the dealer adequate time to assess the abilities and work ethic of a potential employee.

NFADA's member dealers have strongly supported academic programs which focus on vocational education which teach skills such as welding, autobody repair, diesel mechanics, and automotive tech. Your program does precisely that and will help individuals find employment in a field with an average annual compensation of over \$61,000 per year, with top technicians earn well over \$100,000 per year and managers making even more.

We look forward to working with you in advancing this amazing program you have created.

Kind Regards,

Andrew J. MacKay
Executive Director



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September 21, 2020

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Dr. Wright,

Dr. Lonnie Wright has asked that I provide this letter of recommendation, and it is my distinct honor and privilege to do so.

Rarely in my thirty years of law enforcement experience have I met an educator so committed to learning and the advancement of historically underrepresented populations than Dr. Wright. The Hospitality International Training (HIT) program has been a valued partner for a decade within my correctional settings and has facilitated employment and training opportunities for countless young people leaving my custody and returning to their communities.

The experience of the HIT staff in managing my population with its unique learning and location challenges demonstrates a willingness to meet the student where they are at and build upon the student's strengths. Couple that unique skill set with the ability to connect our local industry with a qualified and trained workforce cannot be disregarded. As the curriculum choices continue to expand to address the market needs, the Department of Juvenile Justice Services commits to continuing to work collaboratively with HIT in the years to come.

Father Greg Boyle, the founder of Homeboy Industries stated "nothing stops a bullet like a job". And jobs don't appear without committed professionals working collaboratively across industry sectors to develop real life work force training. I applaud Dr. Wright and his team for continuing the great work of lifting up our most vulnerable by providing world class training and employment skills here in Southern Nevada.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to further information. I am most anxious to assist Dr. Wright and the HIT Team expand their educational footprint.

Respectfully submitted,

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John M. Martin, Director

JIM MARSH KIA

September 21, 2020

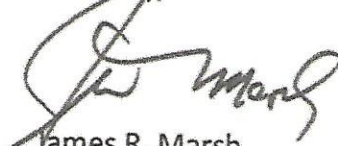
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Dear Commission on Postsecondary Education:

It is with great pleasure developing, supporting, and endorsing Hospitality International Training's curriculum: Automotive Exploration Maintenance.

Dr. Lonnie Wright and I started a dialogue at an Executive Better Business Bureau meeting a few years ago, pertaining to entry level training of youthful offenders at Spring Mountain Youth Camp. After several conversations, I invited Dr. Wright and Mr. Jack Martin (Director of Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services) to my dealership to meet with my department heads, to identify entry level skill sets that would be included in the Automotive Exploration Maintenance Curriculum. I felt that this was an idea that I wanted to share with other dealership owners, so we introduced this impending project at a monthly luncheon meeting of dealership owners, for their support. The dealership collaboration positively received the program and will consider hiring these young men when they successfully complete and graduate from the program.

Sincerely,



James R. Marsh
President

Southern Nevada Franchised New Car and Truck Dealers Association, Inc.

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September 18, 2020

Dr. Lonnie Wright
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Dr. Wright

On behalf of the Southern Nevada Franchised New Car & truck Dealers Association I wish to acknowledge your efforts in the development of the Automotive Maintenance Exploration Program. The automotive service industry, as well as the collision repair industry, is in desperate need of skilled and motivated service and repair technicians. There are far too few resources or institutes from which to draw this skilled labor force.

A program, such as the one operated by the Hospitality Industry Training University (HIT), helps immeasurably in filling the gaps left by other programs and agencies. The ability to have a student from the program for a two-month internship program allows for an exceptional opportunity to evaluate and assess the abilities and motivation of the student and future technician.

We are highly supportive of the marriage between academia and industry to develop an ongoing, skill-oriented program dedicated to the creation of talented and motivated technicians at all levels and phases of the automotive industry.

Thank you again for your foresight and dedication. We look forward to working closely with you, the program and the future technicians in order to provide a quality program for our customers and clients.

Respectfully,



Terry N. Mayfield
Executive Director

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April 17, 2014

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Commission on Postsecondary Education Board of Commissioners:

I am writing this letter in full support of Professor Lonnie Wright and his Hospitality International Training (H.I.T.) Program. When I was the Director of Supportive Services for the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA), I considered our organization fortunate to have Professor Wright and H.I.T. as a training provider for our participants. The H.I.T. team would assess our participants immediately, train them in a full service working kitchen, and then help them get certified. H.I.T.'s credentials as an accredited State of Nevada postsecondary education provider means the participants receive a State of Nevada certificate of completion. They also receive ServSafe certification and a Meat Science 101 certificate as well. All of this certification ensures that the SNRHA participants are well prepared and have a great foundation for the culinary workplace.

The SNRHA participants include unemployed veterans, youth and non-violent ex-offenders. H.I.T. has designed a stellar program that fits the needs of these diverse populations. With the growing and changing demands in the culinary world, the workplace environment and demands on kitchen workers is constantly changing and expanding. H.I.T. makes it possible for those new to the culinary industry to be ready for the challenges of today's commercial kitchen. H.I.T.'s track record for placement with SNRHA participants is 100% for youth and 85% for adults. For those that are astute in career placement statistics, particularly for the disenfranchised population that the SNRHA serves, we regard H.I.T.'s placement record as excellent.

I enthusiastically support Professor Wright and H.I.T. because I have seen firsthand the great work that they do in the community and I appreciate their incredible program which changes lives. I am now a Manager with the Nevada System of Higher Education, and I consider H.I.T. to be a partner in Nevada's goal of having a well prepared workforce leading to a strong economy. I wish H.I.T. all the blessings that they will need to positively affect many more lives.

Sincerely,

Lee Quick
Manager, Nevada System of Higher Education

Dear Professor Wright,

Golden Gaming is very proud to partner with the Hospitality International Training organization.

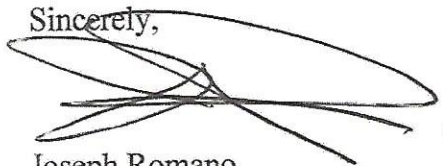
Golden Gaming is a Nevada based company that employs 2500 team members, with the tavern side (PT's Entertainment Group) employing 600 of those team members at our 45 locations throughout Nevada. We are the 3rd largest employer in the state of Nevada.

Golden Gaming looks forward to growing a relationship with HIT with the goal of providing a solid career opportunity for potential candidates. There are three things that will make your future with Golden Gaming a success:

1. Integrity – doing the right thing even when no one is looking
2. Work Ethic – giving 100% every day
3. Customer Service – treating every one of our guests the same way you would want to be treated.

We look forward to you joining our team and helping you build a promising future with our organization.

Sincerely,



Joseph Romano
Vice President of Operations



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Dear Commission on Postsecondary Education,

Thank you for providing the following team members to our organization.

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Castro-Lopez	Elvia	10/11/2013
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COOPER	SCOTT	12/26/2013
COOPER	AMALIA	4/20/2009
COOPER	SHELDON	12/6/2013
FITZGERALD	MICHAEL	10/17/2013
GUSTAFSON	JAMES	1/3/2014
HAWK	SHARON	11/20/2013
HOLLAND	DEMETRIA	4/3/2014
JENKINS	THOMAS	10/4/2012
McKELVEY	JESSIE	1/7/2014
MENDEZ	MARIO	7/25/2012
OWENS	TOVALIER	8/2/2012
PETRICH	CHRISTOPHER	11/7/2013
ST. PIERRE	MICHELLE	9/12/2013

The partnership between Fifth Street Gaming and Hospitality International Training (HIT) has been very successful. It has been a wonderful experience to be part of HIT which helps non-violent felons learn skills in the culinary trade. We look forward to continuing our relationship with HIT and helping these participants strive in their new careers and become outstanding citizens of our community.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions 702-399-1111 ext 305.

Kindest Regards,

Marlo D'Ambrosio
Human Resources Manager

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July 1, 2003

Mr. Lonnie Wright
The Hospitality Institute
Community College of Southern Nevada

Dear Lonnie:

As we have discussed many times, Nevada is in dire need of transitional and short-term housing for our offenders returning to their communities after incarceration. We release more than 5,000 inmates a year and 65% of our inmates release to Southern Nevada, so the problem is particularly acute there.

During this past year, the Nevada Department of Corrections has begun to partner with several different entities in the local communities to try to solve this problem, and we have made plans for our own housing project, Casa Grande, as well. We have also started re-entry grant programs on our own, for serious and violent offenders (Going Home Prepared) and with the City of Las Vegas for non-violent offenders (EVOLVE). We hope that those demonstration projects will show the citizens of Nevada the benefits of transitional services and re-entry assistance to reduce the number of offenders returning to prison in Nevada.

We applaud and support the efforts of companies like Cornell in establish housing programs in our state. The need for housing is far greater than any one program can provide, and the program planned by Cornell will greatly assist in solving this problem.

Sincerely,


Jackie Crawford, Director

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