

I had the pleasure to work with Brian Mayne over the Fall 2012 Term at Lane Community College. He worked with students in both of my HST201 United States History courses, participating in online forum discussions that involved a number of historical issues in the colonial history era. Since Brian had earned high grades in his high-school history courses, and had passed the Advanced Placement exam, I thought he would be well suited to converse with college students studying the very topics he has already mastered. In short, it was his mission to raise the level of group knowledge (my students were randomly assigned to 4 different groups of about 20 students each) on such issues as Puritanism and Islam, The Great Awakening, and an analysis of the American Revolution as a Conservative Movement. Brian performed admirably. He took the time to write clear and authoritative posts to the group, revealing a firm grasp of the subject matter. In addition, his written replies to other students were both accessible and constructive, helping some to fin

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Lucius exhibits a sense of responsibility not common enough in this day and age. Not only did he attend class regularly, but he always came prepared for the day's lesson. He is conscientious about his own performance, and took opportunities to engage in class subjects with other students. This was illustrated time and again when I had my classes discuss historical topics, such as the nature of the American Revolution or the motives behind the Constitution and Bill of Rights in online, web-based forums, where students often forget how to interact constructively with others in a written format. Lucius can actively listen to others, even when he disagrees with their position. He can stand his ground, providing facts and logical support for his views. I wish I could say that about all of my students.

I consider Lucius Cauthorn to be a prime candidate for success in his continuing education and any future career he chooses. I recommend him without reservation. He is not only qualified to continue his studies, but more likely, a preferred candidate for your consideration.

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