As a former Supervising Effects Animator at Walt Disney Feature Animation, with 30 years of experience, I have worked alongside some of the best talent Disney has had to offer. 12 of the 30 years (currently employed) as a professor of Animation at the Savannah College of Art and Design, I hold on to that passion and determination, always on the lookout for the same drive within my students. One student, Nydia Valdez, is one of those students.

When I met Nydia, she struggled with self confidence in the field of animation. However, over the past years that I have known her, I have, with pride, watched her grow as an artist, and become confident in the work she produces. As a student, Nydia sets a very high bar for herself, and as a professional, she is always pushing for the highest quality of work, as well to produce more than what is asked of her. With sheer determination to excel she accomplishes things many would not be able to grasp. Just by working with her, I can see how passionate she is for animation.

Driven, creative, and a skilled draftsman, she understands the medium, and knows how to push a performance for optimal believability. She has learned the use of computer software quite well and has become proficient with the medium. With new and interesting ideas, she loves collaborating with her peers, and is more than ready to give her time in helping others. Nydia has just started this journey, and still has much to learn as an animator, but despite that, there's no doubt her drive will lead to a successful career in the field of animation. She is very excited to learn and improve, and she is absolutely willing to work hard for it.

In summary, Nydia Valdez has continued to impress and surprise me. She has been a joy and privilege to have as a student, and will prove herself to be a strong asset on any actual production. I'm confident that one day people will see her work up on the big screen. Therefore, I would highly recommend Nydia Valdez!

If there is anything more that I can help you with please feel free to contact me.

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