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Re: Mark A. Erickson
Medical Student Research Program

Dear Dr. Thomas:

It is my pleasure to sponsor Mark A. Erickson into the Research Distinction Track for Medical Students. I met Mark during his first year of medical school; he joined our laboratory in the summer of 2006 following his first year. Mark completed a 10 week research project on a full time basis. Mark measured NGF expression in normal and incised rat muscle. ELISA and Western blot were utilized to characterize the increase in NGF.

For Mark's program, he will attend on average ten Pain Interest Group Journal Clubs and Work-in-Progress Sessions during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th years of medical school. He will write manuscript of his research results from this Summer's project. He will attend one meeting; our plan is the Midwest Anesthesia Resident's Conference.

The previous summer he worked in the laboratory of a colleague, Dr. Hammond for 10 weeks. Thus, Mark has completed the laboratory component of the Research Distinction Track.

I look forward to working with Mark during his next 3 years of his medical school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Brennan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "B".

Timothy J. Brennan, M.D., Ph.D.
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