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Dubuque, Iowa 52001  
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Dear future employer,

I have master's degree in Arts of Music Performance from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale Illinois and a bachelor of Arts in Music degree from Clarke University, Dubuque Iowa. I intend to begin my working career at your institution this coming fall. My career goal is to work with others and make a positive impact in the work field. My accomplishments in the music field demonstrates that I am hard-working, reliable, and able to easily adapt to new work environments.

I have completed fourteen years of guitar studies and initiated a professional career in 2008. At SIU, I worked as teaching assistant to the guitar and symphonic bands department. Working with student in several eras of guitar studies. In addition, I performed in several solo recitals, presenting a diverse array of music from many parts of the world. My teaching experience began in fall 2010; I have taught students of several ages different musical styles. In my undergraduate years, I received a number of awards for my dedication and commitment to my field and to my department; these are detailed on my resume, which accompanies this letter. As a performer, I served as a soloist with the Southern Illinois Symphony and the Dubuque Symphony orchestra.

I came to the United States from Brazil when I was fifteen years old. I am fluent in Portuguese and Spanish in addition to English. My mother is a Spanish teacher at a local high school and an adjunct faculty member at two institutions of higher education in the Dubuque area. Because of my family background, I have been exposed to many different cultures. I have traveled across South America, and I keep close contact with family members in my birth country and with that country itself. In summer 2012, I went to Vitoria ES, Brazil, to study guitar at the FAMES State Arts School under the direction of noted guitarist Moacyr Teixeira Neto. After the encounter, Mr. Neto was invited by my preview and current schools to perform recitals, master classes, etc. This gives evidence of my networking abilities and capacity to deal with individuals and organizations representing many different cultures.

My resume and references provide additional information about my qualifications for a position at your institution. I believe that I will make a positive impact as one of your future employers.

Sincerely,

Marcus R. DeJesus