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RE: Recommendation – Greg Marks

Greg Marks was a student at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom in 2014 and 2015. Although I never had him as a student in my classroom, I did hear about him and only in positive terms. “You have to meet Greg Marks!”

I attended a presentation he made at Pierce College and he showed his then new film *Shift Paradigm*. I was moved by the film and even more so by Greg as he shared with the audience all that was required in the writing, acting, filming, and producing of *Shift Paradigm*. Shortly thereafter, I cautiously asked if he could guest speak in one of my classes (I knew his plate was full and I was not certain he had time). Without hesitation he enthusiastically accepted.

A year ago when he shared with my class, you could have heard a pin drop. He artfully wove students through his life’s journey and lessons learned. He offered tools that could help the learner. He was transparent, authentic, fully present, and humble, with a desire to serve those in the room. The event was life changing for a number of people.

He recently shared with a new group of students. Greg had just returned from the Sundance Film Festival where he serve in the press corp. Story after story flowed from Greg while he made the learning connections for those in the room. He was a master using humor, truth, and lessons learned to help facilitate learning for those present. For two hours, the class was fully engaged! Students lined up to talk with Greg after the presentation, even though it was after 10:00 pm! Several shared how he had impacted their life through his presentation.

Greg Marks is a shining star and success will follow wherever he goes as he knows how to define success and make it happen. His intrinsic motivation is second to none! He will continue to be successful in ways we can only imagine now.

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