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I met Stephen 5 years ago when he first landed in the British Virgin Islands. If I recall, his journey started with a small newspaper, and Stephen's enthusiasm was very clear from the beginning. I knew he was someone with a great heart and an exceptional professional who the entire community could rely on.

Stephen has worked very hard to be where he is today. I have personally witnessed how well he has been able to overcome the challenges life sometimes imposes upon us. He relentlessly worked and never lost his spontaneity. This is why he has succeeded: step after step, he found the way to make the most out of everything

One of my most memorable encounter with Stephen was actually just before I left the British Virgin Islands in July 2014. I had indeed decided to resign from my position in order to work towards joining a world-class business school. I approached Stephen to help me review the application essays I had written in that respect.

I was afraid that my English skills would harm my application's chances, and I needed someone I knew I could trust. Stephen accepted immediately without asking any questions. He did not care about how many essays he had to review, nor he cared how long he had to spend on each of them. He just knew that this step was critical to me and he took me under his wings. I sent him my draft essays on a week day.

I was stunned the following day. Stephen not only took hours of his personal time to give me feedback, but also suggested ways to make my "story" even more appealing to the readers. We sat down and I recall him telling me "Your English are really not bad, do not be so hard on yourself, we can do it together". This is who Stephen is: someone who takes the time to understand who you are, where you come from, and goes way beyond what you expect of him.

Today I am at ESADE in Barcelona, a place I love and that is allowing me to achieve my dreams. All of this would have not been possible with the help of Stephen. Out of various people I asked for help, he is the only one who cared and took the time to go beyond what was asked of him.

Should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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