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To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Christopher Dwyer. I met Chris when he was a student in my course CSE 361: Design and Analysis of Algorithms at Oakland University in winter semester 2012. He stood out as one of the top students in this class and earned a grade of 4.0. Chris actively participated in class discussions and regularly stayed after class to chat with me about algorithms and programming.

Design and Analysis of Algorithms is one of the more theoretically focused classes in the computer science curriculum and the assignments involved designing and theoretically analyzing algorithms, usually without any required coding. However, in addition to solving the theoretical questions, Chris would often go beyond the required work and submit computer code written in python or C# to solve the problems. On more than one occasion he even emailed me code he had written to solve problems discussed in lecture or given as optional homework to get my input on the approaches he had taken. This demonstrates to me that Chris has the self motivation and curiosity to take control of his own learning and that he has a passion for programming, experimenting and building things.

The course also featured a group project and Chris' group studied a variety of pathfinding algorithms and made a nice user interface to demo their different strategies. Their group worked together very effectively and I observed Chris taking on a leadership role. Based on this I can say that, in addition to his ability to produce excellent work on his own, Chris works very well with others as a team member and leader.

I am confident that Chris possesses the intelligence, motivation and interpersonal skills to be highly successful in a wide range of positions and **I highly recommend him**. Please contact me if I can provide any more helpful information, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Steffy", written over a horizontal line.

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