



LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR TYLER NOLEN

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in support of Tyler Nolen who is applying for the graduate Engineering and Computer Science program at your institution. Although many students ask me to make recommendations on their behalf, I only recommend students whom I feel are well-suited for the responsibilities they will face in their area of interest. Mr. Nolen is one of those students and comes highly recommended.

As an Assistant Professor in Management Sciences and the School of Information Technology and Computing in the College of Business Administration at Abilene Christian University, I work with many students from diverse backgrounds who have varying degrees of preparation and knowledge in their chosen field. Each year I am privileged to come to know only a handful of students who genuinely offer their best effort and who aptly apply themselves in their studies. Mr. Nolen has demonstrated initiative in these areas and stands out as an exceptional student.

I first became acquainted with Mr. Nolen during the fall semester of 2007. As a student in our Intro to Programming course, Mr. Nolen was a responsible and personable individual who immediately presented himself as a respectful young man with high academic standards. Mr. Nolen demonstrated strong analytical and problem solving skills, tactfully employing them to analyze difficult concepts and discuss findings both in class and in informal settings. Mr. Nolen faithfully attended class and performed exceptionally well in all assignments, completing the course with one of the highest grades awarded.

During his time as a student at ACU, Mr. Nolen worked diligently to prepare and submit very promising assignments that related to the concepts presented in class. Although computer science and software engineering courses can be quite challenging, Mr. Nolen maintained high academic standards when submitting assignments and did not lower his standards in spite of the intense level of research, analysis, reading, and writing required to complete these and other courses. Mr. Nolen was both honorable and faithful in both his academic and research commitments throughout his course of study. Throughout his academic program, Mr. Nolen was a model student and a supportive team collaborator.

Mr. Nolen has a strong work ethic that drives him to excel in an academic program. Mr. Nolen has excellent analytical and quantitative skills that have assisted him in meeting the requirements for assignments within his discipline. Mr. Nolen's high standards and excellent character make him an ideal candidate for both studying and teaching in a program where he can collaborate with people and support efforts that would benefit from his strong analytical

skills. Mr. Nolen has the drive and potential to be successful in his chosen field of study and, given the opportunity, will commit to any assignment and follow it through to completion.

With the appropriate mentorship and support, Mr. Nolen will be a valuable contributor in any graduate program and will succeed in achieving his personal goals. I appreciate this opportunity to recommend Mr. Nolen. It is my hope and prayer that you will wholeheartedly accept him into your academic community. Feel free to contact me at any time if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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