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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to recommend Meris Selami for a position in the field of Computer Science. I have known Meris since August 2023 and have had the pleasure of teaching him in CS221: Computer Science II which covers the foundations of Object Oriented programming and CS361: Introduction to Theory of Computation in which students work with classes of languages, machines, and grammars. Both are challenging courses that require learning new ways of thinking and conceptualizing problems.

CS221 is the course in which students dive into how to really use programming to start solving complex problems. Meris impressed me in that course with his consistent willingness to engage with the problems and “what if” questions. In my section of CS221, there is an emphasis on learning to communicate one’s conceptualization of the problem and possible solution and understand other approaches. This is often very challenging for students. I quickly noticed that whatever group Meris was a part of, the students in that group were better able to communicate their ideas and hear the ideas of their peers. Meris brought a genuineness and humility that helped bring out the best in his peers. I saw the same in CS361. CS361 can be an intimidating class for many students, and Meris’s example of being open to learning and being willing to ask questions helped his peers find the confidence to do so as well.

Meris has a strong mind and strong skills. He is talented at conceptualizing problems, finding solutions, and executing those solutions in code. What I believe really sets him apart, though, is his genuine way of being. He has no need for pretense or posturing, and this makes him a delight to work with. He has consistently demonstrated an openness to feedback and the flexibility and ability to implement changes based on that feedback.

I highly recommend Meris. He is talented, diligent, and someone who brings out the best in others. I have no doubt that he will be an asset to whatever organization he chooses to join.

Sincerely,

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