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Letter of reference for Martin Krafft September 13, 2001

Martin graduated from Swarthmore College in May 2001. He received High Honors for his major in Computer Science and minor in Psychology. He also completed a Concentration in Cognitive Science. I was Martin's advisor for his thesis, entitled *A Neural Optimal Controller Architecture for Wayfinding Behavior*. I was also Martin's professor in three upper-level computer science courses on the topics of computational models of learning, artificial intelligence, and robotics for which he received an A in each case.

One of the main reasons that Martin did so well at Swarthmore College, was that he is an intensely curious person. He wants to know why and how things work--to get at the root of what makes them tick. For some people, this desire to understand not just the surface, but also the deeper under structure, can inhibit their progress. But for Martin, it pushed him to create very sophisticated and well designed implementations that were always delivered on time and in working order. Martin is highly self-motivated and works best when given enough leeway to explore a domain on his own. He is a very accomplished programmer, while also being very knowledgeable about a wide range of other disciplines.

Martin will be an asset to any potential employer for he possesses a wealth of skills, drive, and experience. I highly recommend him.

Sincerely.