

I have known Ivan Ivanov for a year and half. Being a second-year student he attended my lectures on Electromagnetic Field Theory and in the next academic year – lectures on Quantum Mechanics I. Upon completing each course of lectures I examined him. It should be mentioned that they are two most difficult courses in physics in the first five terms. In spite of this in both exams Ivan showed deep understanding of the subject and I gave him excellent marks.

Year ago Ivan seriously decided to involve himself in theoretical physics. He was determined to join theory group, where he could be engaged in studying any field of theoretical physics most effectively. This group is not an ordinary one. The point is that from very beginning every undergraduate student is attached to a certain department (at the Faculty of General and Applied Physics) but he can rather easily change the department. But enrolment in theory group is based on the results of special examination. It required knowledge of some material which was not included in the curriculum and therefore had to be studied by Ivan himself. As the number of vacancies is much less than the number of students who wish to join the group the contention is really competitive: most students fail to pass the examination although they have enough knowledge to receive excellent and good marks at the ordinary exams in theoretical physics. That Ivan passed it successfully characterizes him as a person who has great will and the potential to study theory in physics.

Taking all this into account, I consider Ivan one of the best students I know and enthusiastically recommend him for graduate study at the State University of New Jersey, Rutgers.

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