

I have the pleasure to offer this letter in support of Hanna Bahdanava, a talented creative, a dedicated maker, and an impressive problem solver.

I've had Hanna in three courses at Columbia College Chicago (Interactive Advertising, Conversational Interfaces, and Experience Design) and in each I have had the opportunity to observe Hanna work independently as well as in a team while demonstrating a dedication to mastering each challenge she faces.

Maybe the most striking of Hanna's talents is her ability to solve problems in unexpected ways while never losing focus on the project's goals. Hanna led her project team in our Conversational Interfaces class in tackling (her own) ambitious idea to create a Facebook Messenger chatbot that invited users to assess their own personality. The bot exceeded any sense of class requirements in scope, complexity, and creativity. Like all her projects there were easier pathways to a good grade, but good grades are not Hanna's primary goal. Learning, understanding, mastering. Those are her ambitions from what I have observed.

I also want to speak to Hanna's role as a facilitator for others. Hanna, consistently and generously offers her opinions, insight, curiosity, etc. to me and her fellow students. She encourages all of us to think beyond our initial assumptions and I can say that I have become a better teacher for having her for a student.

It's been a pleasure (and a little inspiring) to get to know Hanna and I look forward to future opportunities to work with her as a collaborator. I encourage you to do the same and welcome any opportunity to provide a more detailed reference if needed.

Best wishes,
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I'd like to personally put forth my recommendation for Hanna Bahdanava.

Hanna has an extraordinary ability to learn new skills very quickly. In her time at Gulo, she has exhibited an exceptional aptitude to adapt to the new technologies, techniques and concepts we present to her daily. In addition to her ability to learn quickly, Hanna also frequently takes tasks well beyond what is requested. This level of passion and hard work is extremely important and helps us accomplish more in a timely manner. Furthermore, her focus and attention to detail is a skill many employers try very hard to find. Hanna's very consciences of subtleties and the impact they have on the whole.

We are very thankful for Hanna's contributions to Gulo. We very much appreciate all her hard work and are very thankful to have found such a great person and a great employee.

Sincerely,

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