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Mr. Josh Greenberg
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
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Dear Mr. Greenberg:

I enthusiastically recommend the proposal from the Mozilla Foundation and Software Carpentry. I share their passion to help professionals to innovate with computing, without becoming professional software developers. My work in developing computing classes for liberal arts, architecture, and management students convinces me of the importance of computing for these students.

Computing is a medium, a form of expression that can be interpreted by machine. That interpretation makes it an incredibly powerful tool for enhancing human ability to communicate and even think. Understanding computing means gaining literacy in this new medium. Scientists and engineers who gain this literacy have new insight into using computing for their jobs, and a powerful new form of expression to be used for creative innovation.

I am eager to see my institution, Georgia Tech, host one of the workshops described. I will encourage our administration to host a two-day bootcamp, and I will certainly encourage my colleagues across campus to send their graduate students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Guzdial".

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