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Dear Mr. Ryan Osterberg

First, I would like to thank you for the time you have given me through the years. Your teaching style is truly unique and has made incredible difference in my life. I appreciate your dedication to your students, as a teacher. I don’t know where I would be today if it was not for your work on the computer science program at Central. You have also been a great role model, and mentor as I have worked through your classes.

Would you please write me two letters of recommendation? I am applying to DigiPen Institute of Technology in Redmond Washington, and University of Wisconsin-Stout. My goal is to peruse my passion in game design and earn a Bachelor of Arts in Game Design at DigiPen, or a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, with a concentration in Game Design and Development. Each collage has different expectations for letters of recommendations, and DigiPen’s expectations appear unique; thus, I have provided detailed information for both DigiPen and UW-Stout.

**For DigiPen**

I’ve attached several pages from DigiPen’s catalog:

1. Topics covered
2. Career outlook
3. Course layout
4. DigiPen’s letter of recommendation guidelines
5. DigiPen’s recommendation form (2 pages)

Please note that DigiPen requires you to seal a copy of the letter of recommendation, and recommendation form before returning them to me. There is also an option to complete this process digitally once I start the application process this October.

This summer I was able to visit the campus in Redmond, and was able to meet with students, faculty, and the vice president of the institute. These are five core things to attributes DigiPen’s ideology, that distinguish the most successful students.

1. DigiPen focus on the ability to handle, learn, and grow from setbacks, hardships, and failures.
2. DigiPen fosters a hands-on experiential learning environment, which I thrive in.
3. DigiPen nurtures team development skills by requiring students to work as a team on a yearlong project for each of the four years, which is a crucial skill set in this industry.
4. DigiPen encourages a strong campus culture and a balanced lifestyle, with a focus on self-wellbeing, which is critical for me.
5. DigiPen accelerates its students much faster than other universities, I believe I can handle those challenges, as evidence by my acceleration in the Central computer science track.

Not only is DigiPen a great draw to me because I excel in their environment, and it has an unparalleled employment rate, in a field that is notoriously hard to enter, at 97% employment after graduation.

**For UW-Stout**

Stout’s degree combines computer science with game development. Stout requires a letter of recommendation from a person who can attest to my academic ability. I believe you have a good understanding of my academic ability, and passion in this field.

Thank you much for taking the time to write these two letters of recommendation for me. As one of the biggest influences on my to date it would mean a lot to me. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Enclosures-

DigiPen Information (Seven pages)

DigiPen Recommendation form (Two Pages)