I am exceptionally grateful for the time that the UPenn admissions committee has spent looking over my application and for giving me another chance through the waitlist.

Since my last update in February, I have continued maintaining my GPA of (\*indicate your GPA) and pursuing my passions in competitive programming and mathematics. In February and March, I achieved 54th and 63rd in the USA Computing Olympiad Platinum Contest. Then, in April, I clinched 1st at the Canadian Team Mathematics Contest while representing UTS. Meanwhile, as my school finished its three-year reconstruction project, I led the Competitive Programming Club into a successful in-person reentrance into the new building.

I have further explored my computer science interests by creating my own chess engine. Learning from scratch about Unity and chess programming while utilizing my experience in neural networks, I will soon have a working engine to test against thousands of chess players through Lichess’ bot account program. I am ecstatic to have the opportunity to see my project in action.

Thank you,

Allen Pei

After discovering Penn’s computer science program, I know it will be the most suitable place for me. My passion for machine learning (ML) will find a home at many of the ML research groups. The extensive courses available will not only build a firm background in computer science for me, but also enable me to realize my future artificial intelligence projects such as … (name an example or two). If offered an admission at Penn, I will absolutely commit to this opportunity. Thank you once again for reviewing my applications.