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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing this letter of reference for William Harer, who was a student in four of my classes at Clark College. Mr. Harer did very well in these classes, learning the material and earning high scores on tests and assignments; but there is more to his abilities than just the good grades he received. Mr. Harer is gifted with the ability to look at problems from many angles and to see concepts in new and different ways. He has an innate curiosity which causes him to explore "outside the box" in ways that foster deeper understanding and more solid learning. This is coupled with strong self motivation, and the ability to self-direct his own projects in the name of understanding something more fully. While taking courses at Clark – including a Java course – he was also working independently on contributing to some open source projects involving some very complex Java code.

William seemed to enjoy learning, and despite all the usual challenges associated with school, his attitude remained positive and focused throughout his time at Clark. Upon graduating from Clark, William transferred to Washington State University to continue his CS education. In addition, he continues to work as a tutor at Clark's tutoring center, giving back to the school and other students while pursuing his own studies as a junior at WSUV.

Given his background and experience thus far, as well as his ability to learn, to work with new concepts, and to apply himself in the pursuit of solutions to complex problems, I am confident Mr. Harer will be successful in whatever he pursues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Nicholas J. Macias". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Nicholas J. Macias

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