



## PRINCIPIA COLLEGE

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Dear colleague,

I am pleased to recommend Alan Cheatham. I have known Alan in several settings: computer science major, advisee, student in my classes, and friend. He is a strong student and a natural leader.

He's a disciplined, clever programmer and a versatile student. His favorite class was compilers. He said of the class, "Translating a new language into assembly was mind opening and in compilers, I made a large stride from being a programmer to becoming a computer scientist." He exudes a quiet confidence that extends to his athletic achievements (he played minor league baseball for a while) as well as his academics.

Alan is a fine advertisement for the virtues of the liberal arts. He loves to learn. In addition to computer science, he enjoys playing and composing music, as well as athletics. He recently wrote me, "Creativity is a huge part of my life, and whether it's making apps, writing a new song, or making a soccer run, I strive to express myself in as many ways as possible."

Although not overtly enthusiastic, he has a deep honesty and a quiet, steady energy that lifts his teammates. This, plus his respect for and support of others, is an engine that makes any team more effective.

His combination of confidence, intelligence, and focused discipline promise a life of sure achievement and service. I expect that he will be successful in whatever endeavor he chooses. I would be pleased to talk further about him if that would be helpful (o: 618-374-5279, c: 618-972-9492).

Sincerely,

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