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Nominee Information

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Job Title

ATC work-stu

Job Description

Please summarize (or paste) the student's current job description below.

I am a client of the ATC, so I am sending a nomination from the perspective of someone who has worked with Georgi to achieve great program goals. He sets up technology for speaker presentations and he also regularly attends Collaborative for Entrepreneurship & Innovation programs, where he asks to volunteer to help with anything I need done. He is also launching a student entrepreneurship club.

As an employee of the ATC, my contact with Georgi has been to provide excellent service in setting up presentation equipment for evening WPI Venture Forum Programs and day-time workshops for the Collaborative for Entrepreneurship & Innovation.

Attributes

Provide an example that demonstrates the nominee's greatest attribute and how this attribute relates to the job description listed above.

I think his greatest attribute is his professional grade laser focus. Here is my example of how this relates to the service he provided one Saturday morning, where he set up six rooms with technology well before 8am.

Georgi dedicated a Saturday during_term_break! (October 16, 2010) to help me with the WPI Venture Forum First Round Business Plan Contest presentations, where over 40 entrepreneurs made concurrent pitches in six Campus Center rooms between 8am and 2pm.

Entrepreneurs are pitching to investors and high level business executives to advance to the next round in the competition. The technology must perform flawlessly to keep the day on schedule and Georgi also had pressure to appear professional and knowledgeable.

It was a fast and furious event that required Georgi to remain calm in the worst situation possible - technology failure. And, when applicants who brought Macs tried to reconfigure the systems to accept their Macs, Georgi had to step in and troubleshoot, while trying to keep those rooms to the rigorous schedule.

This particular day was challenging as many applicants did not heed instructions about not bringing Mac laptops to make presentations. Georgi performed beyond my expectations, even calming me down at one point.

The 26 judges convened at 1pm and all were impressed with Georgi's work!

Expectations

Provide an example of how the nominee goes above and beyond the expectations listed in their job description.

Using the Business Plan Contest example again, one of the applicants could not travel to Worcester due to a recent surgery. She requested to present through Skype. I knew absolutely nothing about using Skype, so I went to the ATC that Friday before to see how to set up an account and test it out. Georgi happened to be there that day and assured me that he knew how to use it and that it would be no problem.

He was confident in setting up Skype in time for the presentation on Saturday, got the image projected on the screen, and the applicant was able to present. While I was anticipating the worst possible outcome, Georgi worked intently on the steps to launch Skype. He was extremely focused and he produced results beyond my expectations.

Style

Describe the quality of the nominee's work and work style and how their style of work is well suited for your department.

Our department (again, we are an ATC client) brings many high level business executives to make presentation to our community. I have high expectations that we will provide them with a great experience while they are on WPI's campus. The technology support is critical to that experience.

When Georgi is handling set-up, I have absolutely no doubt that it will be set up on time and that it will have been tested to assure it will work. His style is to work quickly, quietly, and efficiently with an assurance and confidence that will carry him well in his future career. I am proud that he came to WPI and I know that he will wear the WPI name well.

Leadership Skills

Provide an example of how the nominee's leadership skills, initiative, or motivation helped to improve how your office functions.

Georgi spearheaded the re-launch of a student entrepreneurship club, called the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization, an international affiliation with WPI. He has been in touch with me on a regular basis and has gotten several students interested in the meetings.

Having more students involved in entrepreneurship activity on the campus has a direct impact on how well the Collaborative for Entrepreneurship & Innovation is able to extend services that improve the entrepreneurial mindset of our students.

Impact

Provide an example of the positive impact the nominee has had to your department, campus, or community.

First I will address the impact of his personal interest in entrepreneurship:

Georgi has rallied other students to participate in our events. He has reached out to other universities to bring together more entrepreneurial students, including from Northeastern and Holy Cross, (I know there are other schools as well) He truly believes - helping students be more entrepreneurial - is a good thing. He has had not only an impact on what we do in this regard, but on the campus and the community as well.

Next, I will address his working in tech support for our programs:

Georgi's conscientious efforts for providing reliable, high quality tech support has made several positive impacts. He makes this particular WPI program look very professional to speakers and to the over 1500 business men and women, students and faculty that attend our programs.

Qualities

Provide an example of how the qualities of the nominee set him/her apart from other student employees.

Georgi has provided an intense personal (and volunteered) interest in the success of the entrepreneurship program. Because he doesn't even work for me, I find it amazing that he makes time to work in our program as a volunteer. He values our professional relationship for which I am grateful. Georgi has a great personal interest and stake in the center, so this sets him apart from my other student employees.

Additional Comments

If you would like to expand on any of the topics listed above or add more information about why you candidate should win, please do so here.

Georgi should be recognized for the amazing impact he is having on the people around him. He works without fanfare, happily in the background, never seeking attention or credit for his work. He is focused, determined to do a great job, a great influence on his co-workers and students around him - and in my humble opinion, this award would have an outstanding impact on his confidence.