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Judy Learn, Interim Dean
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Dear Judy,

Please accept this application for the Application Development Instructor position currently on the district list of job openings.

I feel that my decade-plus of teaching primarily computer science classes here at North Seattle has provided excellent preparation for this position. Additionally, I have taught upper-division and graduate-level classes at the University of Washington, Seattle campus, in General Linguistics, Acoustic Phonetics, and Computational Linguistics. In addition to our typical college student population, I have experience working with a wide variety of people in many different educational settings: high school students, including Running Start; international and immigrant populations; ESL students; low-income; senior citizens; and even elementary school students. Also, having worked on the formation of the AD-BAS program over the past two years, I know its curriculum, scope, and goals quite well.

Also, I have a reasonably broad exposure to computing in the workplace, having direct work experience in industry, both as an engineer and as a manager, for both large well-established companies and an Internet start-up, as well as in academia, even both as an employee and as a contractor. Moreover, my on-going contact with former students helps me keep a fresh perspective on the current job market and the needs / expectations of employers in the field. So, I can bring this diverse background into the classroom to help situate the materials and concepts being presented into the workplace setting.

When I was first approached about applying for the position last year, my knee-jerk reaction was, "Hmmm, probably not." I have been very happy as a part-time instructor; I have a reasonable amount of student contact, without the additional administrative overhead that seems to accompany full-time faculty positions. However, the notion of full-time teaching for this program has grown on me. There is a certain sense of ownership that I feel, having watched the program take shape. So, I applied for this position last year, but through the vagaries of fate, as you know, I ended up in the ICU instead. My recovery has progressed well, with strength and stamina continuing to improve. It has been good to continue to be involved with the program and to nurture it from without. I am pleased for the opportunity to make this program the primary focus of my work here at North Seattle College.

I think the AD BAS degree program is a very good area for the college to develop. Based on our current CSC curriculum, North Seattle has already earned an excellent local name for preparing students in computer science; our "graduates" do well in the Computer Science programs in the four-year institutions in this region and beyond. I firmly believe that the new AD BAS has the potential to deepen this reputation for very solid preparation in computer science / software development. I want to be involved in

the continued development of this area for our college, not only promoting the baccalaureate program, but also developing specialized certificate programs, cultivating relations with the area high schools for a 2-2-2 type program, and other educational opportunities for the community.

Thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Jinguji