



To Whom It May Concern,

This letter serves to recognize the winner of the 2025 SME Digital Manufacturing Challenge at the undergraduate level. The team from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Cornell University, consisting of Ammar Barbee, Grace Oyama, Julian Stoller, and Grace Yu, with their advisor, Sam Chiappone, were the winners for their outstanding project titled: Micro Solar based Steam-Powered Desalination Plant.

SME received a number of worthy submissions this year, making the field extremely competitive.

Congratulations to the team from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Cornell University for their commendable achievement.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Bazzy".

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