



March 29, 2023

To whom it may concern:

My name is Eric Mikida, a Lecturer at University at Buffalo in the Computer Science Department. For the past two semesters, I have taught our course on Data Structures and Kartike was part of the course staff as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant. He has been an invaluable part of the team and someone I know I can always rely on.

Data Structures is a very difficult course and requires a high degree of technical expertise from course staff in order to best assist students in both theoretical and applied settings. As part of course staff, Kartike is responsible for holding office hours to assist students with the course content, responding on course forums, and leading recitation sections. Kartike has a very strong grasp on the course content and has excelled in all course responsibilities. He contributes to discussions on course content with a high degree of expertise and is always quick to ask questions to further improve his knowledge in the domain. I have full confidence in his ability as an instructor to accurately and succinctly deliver technical information to the students, and to field their questions effectively.

On top of his technical skills Kartike also has excellent communication skills and is genuinely a pleasure to work with. When issues inevitably arise, he is quick to communicate about them so they can be dealt with promptly. He is proactive in his preparation and is someone I know I will not have to micromanage. He is always eager to help as much as he is able and does not shy away from responsibility. He has taken on multiple recitation sections and has helped fill gaps in the schedule as needed. He has voluntarily held extra office hours during times in the semester where students are particularly active. He regularly shows initiative and a desire to help make the course as effective as possible.

Overall, Kartike has been a critical part of our course staff, and I fully intend on continuing to work with him in the future as well. As such, it is easy for me to give a very strong recommendation on his behalf. I have full confidence that he has both the technical skill and quality of character to fit well into any work environment.

Sincerely,  
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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to enthusiastically recommend Kartike Chaurasia as a candidate for your position.

My name is Susan O'Rourke and I am the Assistant Director of Student Engagement Mentoring Initiatives at the University at Buffalo. I had the pleasure of working with Kartike for more than two years as a supervisor and mentor. Of all the undergraduate students I've worked with, Kartike is among the most dedicated and hard-working.

During our time together, Kartike proved to be resourceful, willing to take the initiative, and diligent. He is willing to step up on short notice to lead the group, train new employees, or present a workshop or training. His expertise in computer science was a huge asset that led to the creation of our ADA-compliant game platform for our Leadership Mentoring conference. He sought out advice from faculty and staff, researched solutions, collaborated with other team members, and ran a successful pilot of our game website at our recent conference.

Kartike has been nominated for and received several awards and scholarships during his time working with and for me including the University at Buffalo's Emerging Leader nomination, Here to Career Student Employee of the Month, two named faculty scholarships, and the prestigious UB Leaders in Excellence Scholarship from UB's School of Engineering and Applied Science. The combination of computer science expertise, leadership experience, and dedication to service has made Kartike a stand-out student.

I am confident without reservation that Kartike would be an excellent addition to any team. As a leader and/or productive member of a group, he will use his skills in communication, professionalism, and technology to ensure the success of any project or organization.

Feel free to contact me at 716-366-0036 or [sorourke@buffalo.edu](mailto:sorourke@buffalo.edu) if you have any questions or would like me to further elaborate on Kartike's talents and achievements.

Sincerely,

Susan O'Rourke

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