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Letter of Recommendation for Lerdi Salihi

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to provide a professional recommendation for Lerdi Salihi. I served as a mentor for Lerdi's team when he participated in the global 2025 Amazon University Engagement Program.

During the program, I provided technical guidance to Lerdi and his team as they developed a full-stack web application for appointment scheduling and management. The team architected and built a front-end, serverless back-end, SQL database, and an AI/LLM scheduling assistant. With Lerdi's leadership and strong technical vision, the team earned second place in the program during the final awards ceremony. This was no small feat considering more than 50 international teams participated in the program!

Through our weekly check-ins and regular emails, I noticed Lerdi's leadership. He directed the team, and he did an excellent job presenting and communicating the project's technical merits. He takes an iterative yet proactive approach to technical communication. When Lerdi worked with me to create a high-level system design diagram, he was quick to incorporate feedback into future revisions. He seeks out competing perspectives which is a valuable trait in any field.

His strongest traits may be his perseverance and resiliency. Whenever problems occurred, Lerdi was quick to devise a solution with the team. When some team members dropped from the program for personal reasons, he reaffirmed his commitment to completing the program and his team's project. The project would not have succeeded without his perseverance.

In summary, Lerdi is a capable and responsive leader. He handled pressure well and delivered a successful project. I am confident he would be a valuable asset to any team. I give Lerdi my professional recommendation.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Wren Priest
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