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Re: Academic Recommendation for Neharika Boddakayala

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to confirm that Neha participated in the Winter CodeFest 2023 as a volunteer assistant, helping younger children learn to code virtually.

This even was organized by high school students like Neha, and would be impossible without volunteers like her. Over 100 children signed up, and for most of the three days over 50 children were participating at a time.

Beyond technical expertise, the emphasis on volunteerism and producing a reading game to help younger children instills a sense of social responsibility, encouraging students to apply their coding abilities for the greater good.

Examples of the reading games children were contributing to are available here:

http://outreach.mcmaster.ca/#sci-od

Sincerely,

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