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Dear Hiring Manager:

I am writing as part of my application for JOB I AM APPLYING TO. I am an alumni from the University of California, Santa Cruz. I received a B.S. in Computer Engineering with a concentration in Robotics and Control. I have a strong desire to get a better understanding of what makes a successful COMPANY PROJECT/PRODUCT. I aspire to work for HIRING COMPANY because I want to contribute to your TECHNOLOGY used to PROVIDE SERVICE. I am a fit for this position because I have an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and am a natural-born problem solver. During my time at UCSC I cultivated a well-rounded skill set including hard and soft skills relevant to this opportunity.

My curiosity has motivated me in my pursuit of knowledge and experience. I am a huge fan of games and puzzles. The most satisfying thing to me about any game or puzzle is the path to finding a solution. I like being challenged and I like struggling. I know that facing adversity is the only way to grow. That is how I fell in love with programming. It was very difficult at first and very foreign. I didn't know anything about programming before I applied to college. I applied as an undecided major in engineering at a 4-year college. Back then I knew I liked browsing the internet and playing video games, and I knew it was all possible due to computers, so I decided to take a Computer Systems and Assembly class as a Freshman. I learned binary and I learned how computers read machine language. I was awestruck when I saw all the 1's, 0's and intricate patterns necessary to make logic gates and adders. To think these were some of the simplest components of a computer. I knew I was stepping into a lifelong journey as a computer engineer that day. Before this class, computers were magic in a black box. Today I still believe they are magical, but I can start peering into and understanding the black box and appreciating it much more due to the knowledge and experience my degree has earned me.

During my time as a Peer Adviser I refined my communication, teamwork, and multi-tasking skills. I have always had a desire to help others. As a first-generation college student, college was difficult. I felt lost most of the time during my freshman and sophomore years of college, so when I became a junior, I decided to become a Peer Adviser. I applied and started work as a peer adviser for the school of engineering. I loved talking to all the different students from different walks of life that made it to our college. This experience was eye opening and helped me feel like a part of the community. I wanted to help students feel secure with their path towards graduation. Working as a Peer Adviser was the best and most accessible way for me to make an impact. I experienced a lot of failures up until that point as an underclassmen. I wanted my failures to be worth more than just a lesson to myself. I had to pass on this knowledge somehow, somewhere, and the advising office became the place for me. I did not graduate "on-time" in 4 years as an undergraduate. It took me 5 years to get my degree. It was tough but I wouldn't change a thing about the experience. It has shaped me into the man I am today and I believe it has made me a better version of myself.

Upon discovering HIRING COMPANY I found that my interests in HIRING COMPANY INDUSTRY and programming align with the company's development of COMPANY PROJECT/PRODUCT. I would appreciate the opportunity to grow alongside the company as a programmer and problem-solver. If given the chance my curiosity and attention to detail can excel and add value to the company. I welcome the opportunity to speak with you further. You can reach me via phone number, 310-593-3780 or email, jlsantia21@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,
Jose L. Santiago