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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Bridgette Lynch, a first-year student pursuing computer science at Syracuse University. I had the pleasure of having Nathalie Uwamahoro as a Teaching Assistant for Fundamentals: Computing and Programming. Among all the Teaching Assistants I have had, Nathalie was the most friendly, enthusiastic, intelligent, helpful, and committed Teaching Assistant. She held office hours every Wednesday, which I often attended.

During our time together, Nathalie proved to be a bright and diligent programmer. Her collaboration and leadership skills were very impressive and inspiring. I would come to her with questions on my code that may not have run or code that I did not understand. She would give me a detailed explanation of what each line of the code did and how it ran. If my code was several lines long, she would teach me a condensed and more effective way to write it, as well as walk me through other examples of this new method. She would also give me a list of methods to become more familiar with so I would be more comfortable working with them.

Additionally, Nathalie walked around during lab and gave students hints on how to get their code to run. Instead of writing it for them, she allowed students to think through things allowing them to learn more. As a student who has never coded before, I was nervous and often felt behind. Nathalie helped me learn a lot about programming and is one of the reasons I finished the course with an A.

It is not just Nathalie's skills that I found impressive, however. Nathalie was a joy to work with because of her positive attitude and kind demeanor. She was always very cheerful and seemed genuinely happy to provide assistance and help. Nathalie would also crack little comments and jokes that helped me feel comfortable and is one of the reasons I would attend her office hours for help week after week. Nathalie has inspired me and is someone I look up to in many ways.

Feel free to contact me at [blynch06@syr.edu](mailto:blynch06@syr.edu) if you have any questions or would like me to further elaborate on Nathalie's talents and abilities as a Teaching Assistant.

Sincerely,  
Bridgette Lynch