



Re: J. Dolgin, Letter of Reference (Academic)

Monday May 2, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my distinct pleasure to provide support for Josh Dolgin's application for your prestigious scholarship as I believe he is most deserving of our country's continuing support.

I first met Josh when, as a student in my Grade 10 class, he considered engaging our school's 3-year program that introduces students to computer engineering concepts and skills. Three courses later, by his Grade 12 graduation, Josh had left all students that follow him in our program an achievement legacy that continues to flourish throughout our curriculum two years later. When Josh informed me that his abilities have caught the attention of the Engineering community at the University of Waterloo I was extremely proud, but not too surprised.

Three aspects of Josh's performance set him apart from the thousands of students I have taught over my 45-year teaching career. Perhaps the most significant is that he is a finisher. Whereas all students offer proposals for project pursuits, few actually carry highly ambitious, polished results across the two-month deadline. Secondly, our program champions the three domains of hardware, software, and design. Josh is equally proficient in all of them. Finally, Josh is one of the most humble, unassuming and supportive students I've bestowed the role of our program's Technical Advisors on. My younger ACES, to this day, even after his graduation, continue to seek his advice and direction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a brief snapshot of a most remarkable young man.

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris D'Arcy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "C".

Chris D'Arcy

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