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To Whom It May Concern:

Recommendation for TopCoder handle – tomazos

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is an enthusiastic recommendation in support of Andrew Tomazos's outstanding accomplishments in the NASA Robots algorithmic challenge, a contest administered by TopCoder, Inc. for the NASA Tournament Lab.

The algorithmic challenge is designed to truly and effectively measure computational, critical, and cognitive thinking skills. Additionally, success in this challenge required combining such thinking skills with the ability to iteratively implement various approaches using a programming language in rounding out an overall "thought to solution" process under the stress of time and performance constraints.

The challenge in this contest posed an algorithmic development problem that is considered to be one of the most difficult in the suite of problems within the TopCoder platform. Andrew Tomazos directly competed against nineteen other contestants and finished 2nd within the group of competitors.

It is for these reasons that we offer highest recommendations for Andrew Tomazos without reservation. Andrew Tomazos's algorithmic skills, as demonstrated by this contest, will be a valuable asset to any organization looking for analytic and computational talent. Andrew Tomazos has set the bar high for future competitions in this field.

Should you have any questions about these achievements in this competition, please do not hesitate to contact Jin Paik at jpaik@iq.harvard.edu or call 1(617)496-2607.



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Yours sincerely,

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