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Ref.: ESTEEM reference for Tyron Pretorius

To whom it may concern,

I am delighted to be offered the opportunity to provide a reference for Mr. Tyron Pretorius. I have known Tyron for approximately 4 years. As the organizer of a summer programme, which sponsors undergraduate students to engage in paid research work and outreach activity, Tyron was recommended to me by one of his lecturers. Having reviewed his grades, it was obvious that Tyron was an exceptional student, but an interview with him revealed that he is more than just a smart guy – he brings good communication and people skills and maintains a balanced life through exceptional dedication and time management skills.

My major teaching duties are in a design innovation module which puts teams of TCD students working in partnership with an industrial sponsor and another partner university. Entry to this module is highly prestigious and brings considerable responsibility to their teammates, the university and the corporate sponsor. I had no hesitation in admitting Tyron based on his work with me the preceding summer. My faith was more than repaid – Tyron was a key individual in an excellent project, working with Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, and sponsored by the MediaSaturn Group.

Tyron's grades have consistently put him in the top 1% of his peers in Trinity – which as Ireland's top university already attracts the top students in Ireland, and beyond. He is without doubt one of the best students it has been my privilege to work with and I have no doubt he will be an asset to any program he enters.

Yours sincerely,

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