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**Subject: Recommendation Letter for Mr. Cole Simpson**

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express my strong support for Mr. Simpson's application to your institution.

Mr. Simpson approached me in the summer of 2023 seeking advice about how to improve his skill sets to meet the workforce needs in the future. We had a long conversation by me asking him where his strengths and weaknesses were from his own eyes. From the conversation, I found Mr. Simpson is a very sincere and motivated student, always striving to improve himself. He expresses himself and communicates with others well. He is willing to take a leadership role and not shy to ask for help. After assessing his capabilities through a tryout exercise, I was assured of his commitment in striving for the best and subsequently hired him as my undergraduate research assistant for that summer.

The research project is to develop a cell phone app for patients with Raynaud's syndrome to collect data. Cole's task was to search for designs of existing health-tracking applications that may be used in our own produce and thermal cameras available on the market that would be appropriate for the app that we are to develop. He delivered an excellent report that summarizes different types of health care application designs and thermal cameras with their pros and cons. In addition to his strong motivation to striving for excellence, Cole is also a well-round student with warm personality and reliable. His commitment to excellence has shown traits akin to a good engineer and a graduate student.

I have full confidence in Cole's ability to thrive in your institution, and I support his application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me through email at [sren@sdsu.edu](mailto:sren@sdsu.edu).

Sincerely,

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