To whom it may concern,

My name is Anna Shaverdian and I am a lecturer at San Jose State University, as well as a Software Engineer at IBM. In the past few semesters I have taught courses like Data Structures and Algorithms and Information Security at San Jose State University. I first became acquainted with Cameron Chien Spring of 2016 in Data Structures; his attentiveness and participation allowed him to excel in the class; he was in the top 5% for both classes. After being introduced to graph algorithms, such as Dijkstra and Prim algorithms, Cameron quickly got to work and solved an example problem on his tablet. However, instead of just sitting there quietly, Cameron assisted the peers around him and explained the solution he derived. He was able to grasp a new concept, apply this new knowledge to a problem, and share his findings with those around him. Cameron attacked new concepts with enthusiasm and was always present to think critically and derive solutions to the questions at hand. He made it easier to teach because I knew students sitting around him would have a helpful resource.

While excelling in Data Structures and Algorithms provided him with a strong foundation, Information Security challenged him with both technical and conceptual material. Although not as outspoken in this larger class of about 70, Cameron did not cease to participate and work together when broken up into small groups. Even if he or one of his group members were unable to answer a question or understand a concept at first, they would put their minds together and almost always had an answer when I made my way back to check up on them again. Solutions in the real world are often unknown, thus the ability to interpret a problem and formulate a solution should be valued.

I believe that Cameron's passion to learn, ability to think critically, on his own and along with a team, make him a great choice for the Software Engineering internship position. Your company will be very lucky to have him as a contributor.

Sincerely,

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