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Dear Sir or Madam:

It is my pleasure to recommend Vivek Khimani to lead the Google DSC initiative at Drexel University. The College of Computing and Informatics at Drexel University supports several student organizations, including the ACM Student Chapter Mathematics and Computer Science (MCS) Society, Women in Computing Society (WiCS), and community outreach groups including TechServ and DUCSTeach. Additionally, our collaboration with the Close School of Entrepreneurship at Drexel University has the potential to inspire deep connections between students in computing disciplines and the Philadelphia startup community. Events such as the PhillyCodeFest hackathon provide a framework for students to engage with the community on computing projects for social good. It is my belief that the DSC program would enable capacity for increased synergistic collaboration among these student groups toward a common goal underpinned by use-inspired computing foundations.

Vivek brings extensive experience in coordinating student and community engagement; he serves as the Vice President of the Drexel Algorithms and Data Structures club, where he hosts bi-weekly coding workshops in preparation for technical interviews. Vivek's events host social events with up to 500 attendees in collaboration with the academic club leaders across the college and university. In addition to being an outstanding student, Vivek seeks out opportunities for engaged experiential learning through study abroad and undergraduate research opportunities.

In summary, hosting a DSC group at Drexel would engage and synergize with existing academic initiatives in experiential education as well as with extracurricular groups and events, and Vivek Khimani is an ideal candidate to launch this initiative here. It is my great pleasure to recommend him to lead this program at Drexel.

Sincerely,

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