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I have served as a project advisor to Raj Oak for 2 classes for a startup company he is initiating (PowerZest Energy Solutions). In his capacity as a Master's student at the Oregon State University School of Mechanical Engineering, Raj pioneered to develop and file a patent for a groundbreaking wind turbine technology that recently won a national level hardware competition. I have supported Raj as he leverages this technology to initiate a technology company that he has founded with 3 partners.

While Raj has clearly excelled in his technical field, he has also worked diligently to hone his managerial and organizational capabilities. He has assumed responsibilities to set up the financial systems for his startup company as well as the operational plan and strategy, and has quickly established a well-rounded organizational understanding.

Raj has proven to be a careful listener and a fast learner who is quick and diligent to follow through on assignments and recommendations, and integrate them as he focuses on his goals and objectives. He is also very conscientious and personable, and has been a pleasure to work with.

I am very confident that Raj possesses great team skills and ability to work independently having capacity and motivation to excel in any endeavor, and will be an asset to any team or organization he is on, and can therefore offer my wholehearted endorsement for his future tech and business career. Please feel free to contact me if have any questions on Raj's performance.

Sincerely,

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