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Recommendation for **Panayiotis Steele**, University of Virginia

Dear Colleagues,

I write to recommend Panayiotis Steele for the ICSE 2012 student volunteer program. I am Pan's Ph.D. advisor. Pan joined our graduate program in the Fall of 2010 after completing a B.S. degree at the University of Virginia, and he has done very well so far.

Pan is strong in many areas. Of particular note is his interest in teaching and his ability to teach. He has taught my undergraduate class a couple of times when I have been out of town, and the students in the class were vocal in their praise. Pan presented a paper (joint author with me) at a conference last Summer, and I was struck by how well he spoke in front of such an audience. I conclude that Pan is an excellent communicator, an asset I think for a student volunteer.

Pan is best described as a "team player". He is always anxious to help and to contribute, and I find this interest and willingness to be extremely beneficial. He is diligent in pursuing even "vague" assignments in helpful and constructive ways. Again, I think this is an asset for a student volunteer.

In more personal areas, I note that although Pan is of Greek origin (hence his name), he is an American citizen and grew up in the United States. Thus, he is a native and eloquent English speaker. Pan is very polite, has a pleasant personality, and dresses well. I think these characteristics will be an asset in dealing with the tasks that involve interaction with ICSE attendees.

Finally, Panayiotis speaks conversational German. This might be a useful asset given ICSE's location.

In summary, Pan has many strengths, will be a significant asset to the conference, and will make an excellent student volunteer.

Sincerely,

John C. Knight, Professor of Computer Science