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### **Letter in Support of Jeremie Simon**

Whereas I have never formally taught Jeremie, I know him extremely well, nearly too well to be entirely objective. Nevertheless, I will try to describe him and then compare him with prospective incoming undergraduates at a New York University style institution.

I've known Jeremie since he was five years old, when his father Dr. Eric Simon and I started our research collaboration. Eric was then a researcher at the "Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique" and I was an invited professor. We spent many holidays together and our families have continued to do so since, so I've seen Jeremie grow up.

Jeremie has always struck me as a thoughtful and very intelligent young man. His willingness to commit himself varies strongly with his interest (he has worked very hard on music the last few years) or with certain external pressure (he did very well on his Bac, after slacking a bit in high school, because he decided it was time to focus and to show what he could do). His father would vastly prefer that he would work more steadily, and I understand his point of view, but I think frankly that Jeremie hasn't yet found his passion. Once he does, he will excel.

That is one reason I think AUP will be a great match for Jeremie. It's too early for someone with his range of talents to specialize. He draws very well, composes music, enjoys math, and yet is a talented puzzle solver. He would benefit from the ability to experience a breadth of subjects, from literature to art to computer science.

As for comparing him with an incoming NYU student, I would say he lacks the superficial confidence, but has the inner strength and the wide range of potential talents to succeed at AUP and beyond. He's a great candidate.

Warm Regards,

Dennis Shasha