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Dear Sir or Madam:

I have known Alida Segal for about ten years. She was a student in several of my graduate courses in the late 1980's. Alida is a hardworking, intelligent and creative individual. I was impressed with the curiosity and enthusiasm she displayed in my Pattern Recognition and Parallel Processing classes. She would often stay afterwards to continue the dialog begun in class. On many occasions Ms. Segal would frequent the library and return with a journal article related to our discussions.

Alida graduated from City College with an M.S. in Computer Science in 1992 while at CCNY, she excelled in her studies. For the past several years she has been developing and testing varied state-of-the-art software systems for major computer firms. I was pleased to hear of her desire to return to school. Ms. Segal wishes to pursue a Ph. D in Computer Science. I believe that she possesses the intellectual and emotional wherewithal to complete a Ph.D. I predict a successful career in research and /or teaching for her. I strongly recommend Ms. Segal's application to you.

Feel free to contact me should you require additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Lucci