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Topic: Letter of reference for Max Snijders

Dear reader,

Max Snijders is one of the best and most active students in our Bachelor of Physics in Leiden. He already drew my attention as a first-year student, when he joined the prestigious honors track (taken by 10% of our students) and interviewed me as one his assignments. When I asked him why he had joined this honors track he made the memorable remark 'I want to get the maximum out of my studies'. I wish that all of our students would be like Max.

Max is very active in many different roles within the Physics institute. The ones that come to my mind are numerous: He is a student member of the educational committee, which I chaired before I became educational director of Physics. He is very active in this role and regularly dropped by to discuss various courses and lecturers. He is also a PR assistant who participates in various events to inform high-school on the studies Physics and Astronomy. He is a valuable member of our outreach team. He is a paid student assistant for various courses. He has also helped us to revamp the physics education website; a task in which he played a leading role. With a group of fellow students he took the initiative to compose an App for mobile phones that will allow students an easier and better view on the information that the study provides. Max is also an active member of a group of students, called Rino, who visit high schools to perform experiments in low-temperature physics for entertainment and educational purposes and to show how beautiful Physics is. And there are probably also other activities that I forgot in this already long list.

In short: Max Snijders is one of our best and most active students and we would hate to lose him. There can hardly be any better recommendation than that.

Feel free to contact me, if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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