

April 20, 2005

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Lora Perez who is applying for your scholarship. Writing this letter is a pleasure because Lora is an outstanding student.

I first met Lora two years ago when she was a student in my Honors section of Freshman Composition. She was an exemplary student. Lora was dedicated, persistent, and committed to improving her writing. Furthermore, she was a delight to have in class as she was always prepared for class discussions and activities. Other students in her writing group frequently looked to her as a leader. Lora made terrific academic progress that semester due to her dedication and enthusiasm. All writing courses, particularly the honors section, demand rigorous preparation, active participation, and self-motivation in order for students to be successful. Lora demonstrated all of these qualities, which are necessary for success not only in a demanding writing course, but also in all academic endeavors.

Last fall, Lora was a terrific addition to my Honors Critical Analysis and Literature class. She actively participated in all activities and continued to demonstrate perseverance, diligence, and commitment to her academic growth.

Based on the course work she completed for Honors Critical Analysis and Literature Lora presented material at the Honors Transfer Council of California's Undergraduate Research Conference in March of 2004. Her hard work and thorough preparation resulted in a splendid presentation that was both engaging and informative.

One of the most remarkable things about Lora is her academic achievement despite the many challenges in her life. Lora is the first in her family to attend college. She is also the mother of three young boys and the sole supporter of her family. However, Lora has managed to maintain a 3.93 GPA, be on the President's Honor Roll, win a member of the month award for Alpha Gamma Sigma, regularly visit tutors in our campus writing center to work on her writing, attend optional class field trips, and achieve perfect attendance in both of my classes. Furthermore, Lora has volunteered at the Twin Palms Care Center working with Alzheimer's patients, and currently volunteers at the Redgate Memorial Recovery Center with patients who are recovering drug and alcohol addicts.

Clearly, Lora's accomplishments are indicative of her outstanding academic achievement and her potential for future success. Without reservation, I recommend Lora Perez for Outstanding Graduate of the Year.

Sincerely,

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