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Academic Referral for Rodrigo Pimentel Lomeli

To Whom it may concern:

Rodrigo Pimentel Lomeli is a member of my Comm 380 class: Telecommunications Electronic and Digital Management. I have no acquaintance with Rodrigo outside of this class or prior to teaching this class.

I have taught for the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications for 14 years; however, spring 2019 semester is the first time I have taught Comm 380. I made it clear from the first class, that since this was my inaugural 380 class, to expect change and that this would be a non-traditional class. I do not believe slide decks teach anything beyond short sound bites.

Some students dropped after the first class. Rodrigo not only did not drop, he regularly shows up and participates. He is an active member of his team and when we have guest speakers, he is engaged and asks questions. His teams' assignments have all been turned in on time and are well done. The few times he had to miss class - all due to legitimate reasons - he notified me via email and submitted make up work promptly. I ask my students to let me know what's up, since in my opinion, it is parallel to letting future employers know you will be absent. Very few follow that directive.

Also, from the first class, Rodrigo was one of the students who consistently sat in the front of the room. After 14 years of teaching college students, I have learned that those who sit in the front rows are the same students who will engage and be an active class member. My own unscientific opinion is that trait carries over into real life. Sitting at the back of the class is a way to hide, open the laptop and cruise. Sitting in the front displays a personality that is willing to take a risk.

As stated above, I have no acquaintance with Rodrigo outside of this class's parameters, but my 14 years of teaching experience tells me that he is a conscientious student who will transition well into professional life.

Sincerely,

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