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Subject: Letter of Recommendation

Ref. Patrick Perez

To Whom It May Concern:

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America held its annual leadership conference this summer in Nashville, Tennessee from July 12-16. More than 5,900 nationwide members, advisers, alumni, and guests of FCCLA; gathered in Nashville to celebrate this year's student-developed theme, "Beyond the Label." Patrick Perez served as a general session speaker, as well as a youth workshop presenter. His performance was energetic, lively, and engaging for both students and advisers. Patrick used dance to motivate the audience to express themselves as individuals and go 'beyond labels'.

During this five day convention, participants explored several critical youth issues through presentations, workshops, and youth sessions. FCCLA's programs on school violence prevention, physical fitness, financial literacy, career exploration and community service enrich student learning, and improve self-esteem. FCCLA strives to serve students with a range of ability levels, economic situations, and cultural influences. Patrick was a great match for our students and programs. His workshop delved into some of the common issues facing youth today. Through break dancing, Patrick was able to relay a message of confidence.

Patrick demonstrated the power of positive action through dance, and empowered our members with a sense of self. I would recommend him as an energetic and relatable presenter for any youth audience.

Sincerely,

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