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Re: Recommendation Letter – Samuel Gonzalez

Dear Principal and/or Hiring Committee:

Samuel Gonzalez has been an active student leader at Penn State Abington since he first arrived on campus almost four years ago. I met Sam during Summer Orientation when he was beginning his college journey. That day, he introduced himself to staff in a variety of departments on campus, including my office: Student Engagement and Leadership (SEAL). Samuel was inquisitive and ambitious and wanted to become involved in the life of the campus and make a difference.

As the Associate Director of Student Affairs and Director of Student Engagement and Leadership (SEAL), I was immediately impressed with Samuel's initiative and determination. Not long after he started his first year, Sam became the Secretary of the Student Government Association (SGA) and, without hesitation, was eager to build relationships with the student body. He continued his participation with SGA as Chief of Staff and then Vice President, assisting, then leading, the executive board in developing policies and advocating for his peers and working with faculty and staff. In these positions, Sam met regularly with me--his SGA Advisor---and the Executive Board. He led general meetings with his peers, travelled to Penn State University Park to participate in the Council of Commonwealth Student Government, and represented Penn State Abington and SGA with pride.

Additionally, Samuel applied and SEAL hired him to serve as an Orientation Leader, working with me and my team to engage students new to campus, encourage them to connect with one another and become involved. Our Orientation Leaders endure a rigorous leadership training. Samuel's confidence grew as he learned to engage large audiences to include families and peers. He also worked with first-year and transfer students in small groups, using teambuilding exercises and ice breakers to help students begin to adjust to their new lives as college students.

Samuel's strong leadership abilities, dedication to his roles, and willingness to learn and refine his skills is impressive. He works hard, is creative and kind and is respected by faculty, staff and peers. Sam is also open to improving his leadership skills. I highly recommend Samuel admitted into your graduate program. I know he will make a difference in the lives of many with his passion for serving others. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about Samuel. Feel free to contact me at the information listed above.

Sincerely,

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