

Garden Grove Unified School District

10331 Stanford Avenue Garden Grove, California 92840

To Whom It May Concern,

It is a true pleasure for me to write this letter of recommendation for Liliana Ceja, who was a volunteer in my "Connections" social group, which occurred once a week on a weekly basis. Liliana is without question, one of the top three most outstanding volunteers I have worked with at Santiago High School.

"Connections" is a social group designed to facilitate the social thinking and communication needs of students who have autistic-like characteristics by offering them opportunities to experience peer interactions and participate in the culture of their peer groups. In addition to helping students with autistic-like characteristics, it also served as a program to educate typical persons about autism through direct experience.

Liliana is a careful and creative thinker. She has the terrific ability to draw from her own experience and observations to develop thoughtful opinions on a variety of issues. Liliana has built the trust and has developed a friendship with the students she works with. Her regular contributions to group discussions provided insight both for her peers and for me as an instructor.

Liliana is invaluable when it comes to small group interaction. Without hesitation, she fulfills a leadership-like position, helping her group members engage in peer interaction. Liliana is comfortable with herself as she is engaging, genuine, and humorous. As I got to know Liliana over time, I only became more impressed by the wide range of her abilities, and by her modesty about them.

It is with great pleasure, I recommend Liliana for your program. She will excel in whatever task she undertakes. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Respectfully, Brittany Lopez, M.S. CCC-SLP Speech-Language Pathologist