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Positive Multigenerational Change

Dear *Beat the Odds* Scholarship Program,

It is with great pleasure and privilege that I write to support Ryan Romero's scholarship application. I have known Ryan, in my capacity as a Foreign Language instructor and Advisor for 2 years; he has been distinguished both as a collaborative and confident student. The Spanish program at USC Hybrid High School targets students that have what it takes to succeed in the Spanish Advanced Placement cohort as well as a rigorous Spanish program at the university level. The Spanish program also motivates its participants to undertake a program of secondary education while identifying their academic needs and their success in college. Ryan, is one our scholars so I am honored to recommend him.

As a student, Ryan is a well-rounded young man that not only focuses on his initiative in the class, but on his curiosity for learning as well. While a student at the USC Hybrid High School, For two consecutive years, Ryan has actively been involved in the following activities: **1)** Cadet - **2)** AdvisorCory - part of a mentorship program that supports students in keeping up their grades. **3)** Stair Climb For Los Angeles - volunteers for Los Angeles 5K stair climb.

In addition, I consider Ryan to be one of the students who truly welcomed me into the learning community at USCHHS. Additionally, in class Ryan was an active participant in discussions, and his questions demonstrated that he is a curious, mature and humble individual. He comes prepared to every class discussion with notes ready in order for him to participate with his classmates.

He is a born leader that often motivates me as a professional to continue to assist students like him that will not let anything deter them from making their dreams a reality. Ryan is intelligent, inquisitive and yearns to gain an in-depth knowledge and, because of this, he was recipient of recognition for an academic award both his Spanish and English classes. With determination and hard work, I have no doubt that he will succeed with his educational endeavors. Though he is a first generation student and the first in his family to pursue a higher education, he will not let any social or economic barriers stand in the way from accomplishing his long term goals.

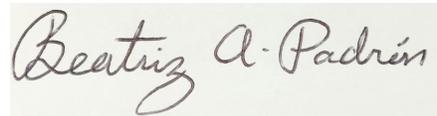
Ryan Romero has shown the motivation, intelligence, and the analytical aptitude to be successful in my Spanish class. I pride myself in having a reputation for being a rigorous teacher with rigorous content and I am happy to say that Ryan exceeded my expectations. I am confident that he will contribute positively to the vitality and the mission of your program. I have been working in the field of education for nearly 8 years, and I have former staff and students that request recommendations for scholarships, job references, college and consideration into specific graduate programs of study. I advocate and give my seal of approval only if I feel the individual has: **1)** Passion in learning and growing, **2)** If they possess a strong work ethic, and **3)** If they will

be dedicated individuals to their studies/work– and this is how I feel about Ryan! The positive energy he has brought to USC Hybrid High School and his community has been substantial, inspirational, and an example of his hard work and dedication. I can confidently say that Ryan will continue to bring his compassion, community efforts, and leadership skills to any community he is a part of.

Finally, let me unequivocally state that I confidently recommend Ryan for the *Beat the Odds* scholarship. In my view, if the award committee gives Ryan the opportunity to become a *Beat the Odds* scholar, you will be awarding an intelligent student full of integrity and compassion to help others in a way that goes above and beyond. I have no doubt that Ryan will bring his work ethic and academic contributions to the mission and vitality of any university with the support of *Beat the Odds* foundation. If you should have any questions or need more information, I will be happy to discuss his candidacy further.

Thank you for considering Ryan for the *Beat the Odds* scholarship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beatriz A. Padrón". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

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