Escondido High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would highly recommend Clara Benitez Rodarte to you as a deserving scholarship recipient. Clara is an active student who enjoys doing extracurricular activities and helping others. This is apparent in her involvement in ASB, FFA and MECHA club. Clara demonstrates perseverance and the ability to thrive when given the opportunity to be apart of a larger community.

As a student in my classroom, she always tries her best and is quick to get to work. She is an exemplary student in every way. Clara is not accepting of "average" work but pushes herself to be engaged and to perform well in her classes. Clara exhibits this by setting high expectations for herself in her drive to graduate from high school and attend college to major in computer science. She not only stays up on her assignments and grades but is also highly organized to be able to balance her role in ASB. In her junior year, Clara organized more than 50 students that signed up for a blood drive event. It was her meticulous planning and organization that allowed the event to take place.

An exciting step that Clara took during her junior year was also a huge success for our high school. Clara, with the support of our ASB teacher and MECHA advisor, hosted and ran a Dia de la Muertos (Day of the Dead) event. She included the Ballet Folklorico and Mariachi high school groups to participate in making the event possible. It was special to see Clara shine with pride as she brought a cultural spotlight to her peers on campus that day.

Clara is striving for her piece of the American Dream. Her family immigrated to the United States and it was her grandmother's dream to see her future generations succeed. Clara is capable of so much, and I am proud to have witnessed Clara transition from a shy, quiet student into an involved, self-advocating young woman, eager to invest in her future.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information about Clara.

Sincerely,

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