

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO



Office of the Dean
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To Whom It May Concern:

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Alvaro Luiz Reis dos Santos. I have known Alvaro for almost one academic year, since he first enrolled in one of my digital design courses in the Fall semester of 2015. During this year, I have been able to observe him in various roles. He is a very motivated, energetic, and intelligent young man, who will do very well in an undergraduate research experience.

I first noticed Alvaro in my Digital Design I course. His performance was outstanding. He consistently received the top grade in the entire class. In addition to his excellent work in class, he did just as well as the lab. He also caught my attention because he is a very engaging, curious individual who came to my office to discuss taking the follow-on course in the Spring semester. I am mentoring my Ph.D. student in teaching, so she teaches the course, and we often discuss teaching techniques as well as student performance, so I know that Alvaro's performance is top notch in this advanced digital design course, too. His GPA, which is very good, also reflects his potential. Alvaro is part of a new program that is geared toward promoting undergraduate research experiences, and I would like to recommend him for this experience. Alvaro is a quick study, and his natural curiosity, coupled with his intelligence and responsible nature is perfect for an undergraduate research assignment. I am sure he'll be a good fit for this type of pre-professional activity, because (based on my 20+ years of advising and spotting talented students) he is definitely excellent graduate student material, and has the potential to contribute to research in the area.

In summation, I would like to strongly recommend Alvaro Luiz Reis dos Santos for the position of undergraduate researcher. He is definitely qualified, and any research lab would be lucky to have him. If you desire any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at pnava@utep.edu or by phone at (915) 747-5994.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Patricia A. Nava'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Patricia' being more prominent and the last name 'Nava' following in a similar style.

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