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To: San Diego State Study Abroad Program:

I am writing to recommend Jessica Huynh for acceptance into the San Diego State University Study Abroad Program. Jessica was a student in my Introduction to Sociology course last semester. She received an A for the course, got As on each of the three exams and got full points in her break out section. Because the course had five hundred students, I only knew Jessica through her exams. Her Teaching Assistant talked to me about her during the semester and subsequent to Jessica’s request for a letter of recommendation. She has had very positive things to say about Jessica. I asked the TA to write a short letter which would reflect her opinion of Jessica’s work in the breakout section. It follows:

Within her section, Jessica was always attentive, punctual, performed with high marks, and participated in classroom discussions at each meeting. However, it is her work within the community and her commitment to continued educational outreach without ever sacrificing her academic performance, which I found most impressive. Besides working as a teaching assistant in the Principles of Organism Biology Laboratory, providing weekly tours at SDSU to middle school students through the Educational Opportunity Program, Jessica worked tutoring students in math and science at a local golf academy. Every week she turned in top-level work, performed with high standings on her exams, and provided insightful additions into classroom discussions. Her ability to maintain honors level standing, while partaking in multiple extracurricular activities, as well as always participating and creating work well beyond many of her peers makes her a top candidate for any program.

Based on my experience with Jessica and her teaching assistant’s recommendation, I believe that Jessica would be an ideal candidate for the Study Abroad Program. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me [psemm@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:psemm@mail.sdsu.edu).

Sincerely,

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