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To the members of the Admissions Department:

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Antonio Pelagio-Negrete for admittance to your institution. I have had the privilege of teaching Antonio in my Bridge to College English class for the past year at Sultan High School. His contributions to my class as a writer and invaluable member of classroom conversations, along with his profound social aptitude have marked him forever in my mind as an outstanding human being.

Antonio displayed incredible resilience and integrity while being educated during his younger years in a tight-knit community in Mexico before embracing the challenges of learning English from the ground up and persisting to excel in the Sultan School District in Washington State. Antonio is an exceptionally well-rounded young person whose eyes show equal excitement when reflecting on playing soccer as a young boy or while sharing an insightful comment about the nature of human beings during a classroom discussion about our latest novel.

As a student, Antonio has excelled in advanced courses including Bridge to College English and Bridge to College Math. He has earned consistently strong grades in my course all while navigating the complexities of being a multi-lingual learner. He feels that his education is a gift and that comes through in his academic integrity and excellence.

Furthermore, Antonio has a strong plan for his future and has already taken steps to achieve his dream of becoming a veterinarian. His coursework in biology, chemistry, and animal sciences shows his foresight and determination to make his desired future a reality. Antonio also takes it upon himself to creatively overlap the outcomes of the Bridge to College English course with his passion for animals. He frequently exceeds the standards for the assignment while also learning more about his field of study, like the service project proposal that he wrote for a local non-profit that matches veterans with therapy animals.

As a thoughtful human being outside of academics, Antonio brings empathy and kindness that he freely spreads to classmates and the staff at our school. His compassion for others is palpable and he is an intent listener who makes people feel heard and respected. English is often a subject area where delicate conversations occur, and Antonio consistently shows respect to the differing viewpoints of his peers and yet stands firm in his own resolutions. These qualities will make him an excellent addition to any institution's community and will surely make him a compassionate veterinarian in the future.

Antonio's aspiration to become a veterinarian is not only a personal ambition but one that stems from his desire to help take care of his family and solve greater challenges in his community. This reflects his profound sense of responsibility and the maturity that has come from overcoming numerous personal obstacles for the better.

I am confident that Antonio will not only excel in his academic achievements but will also lift those around him through his kindness toward humanity and his passion for his field of study.

Please contact me for more information about my perspective on Antonio's qualifications and character.

Sincerely,

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