

January 7, 2013

Dear Faculty Petition Board:

I am writing this letter in support of Marco Arias (#110785446), who is applying for reinstatement for the spring 2013 semester. As the instructor for EDCP108B: On Course -- Strategies for Success in College and in Life, I had the opportunity to get to know Marco in terms of his personal responsibility, his work ethics, and his quality of work. Marco had perfect attendance, handed in all assignments on time, and gave each assignment the time and depth of thought needed to produce the best responses possible. As a result, he earned an A+ in the class. He started to use the learning strategies during the semester and was able to raise his semester GPA significantly (2.26).

During the next semester, he would continue to use campus resources, as needed : Guided Study Sessions; meetings with his professors, TA's, advisor, and other students; and regular meetings with me for continued application of learning strategies and consistent accountability. We will set up a structured contract to ensure success. I also believe that his change of major will be helpful in his success.

I feel that Marco has many strengths, respects the importance of his education, and can and will move forward positively in the future. I hope that you will see his potential, as well, and give him the opportunity to be reinstated to the University of Maryland. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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