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RE: Christina Gonzalez

Parks and Recreation Commission Intern

Dan Peeters '87 Dean of Athletics

Dear Parks and Recreation Commissioners,

Ray Vazquez '86 Dean of Students

Christina Gonzalez is a young woman who exemplifies perseverance and determination in both personality and work outcome. More important, Christina is a woman of deep and committed faith conviction, quick to smile, one who cares more about others than herself, and dependable in every sense of the word. She has achieved exemplary grade marks through perseverance and determination working her way through the rigors of a college preparatory curriculum. She has challenged herself with Advanced Placement and honors level courses. She possesses the ability to accept a challenge and see it through to completion. This is why I highly recommend Christina for an internship with the City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Commission.

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However, there is more to Christina than perseverance and determination. She is a caring and spirited person who values helping others. Growth in spirituality and service to others is one area Christina has persevered. She is a Youth Minister here on campus and she is very active in her Church. Community service is a hallmark of Christina. This past year she served on the City of Santa Barbara Youth Council. She was a vocal advocate for the proposed and now functioning Teen Center. Additionally, she participated in the ADAP program through the Alcohol and Drug Prevention Coalition.

What I am attempting to communicate is that Christina Gonzalez is a young woman who will put in the extra effort to succeed in her endeavors. She will, I am confident and as evidenced by her high school career, be a positive influence on others and make a difference for good in the community that she lives and serves. If you want a student who is willing to work hard and knows from experience the commitment that it takes to succeed in life when challenges arise, then I wholeheartedly recommend Christina Gonzalez as an intern for the City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Commission.

Shalom,

Rev. Thomas J. Elewant, C.J.

Principal