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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Jose Luis Perez, in support of his application for admission to the Graduate School. I have known Mr. Perez for two years, first as a student and now as a friend. As a nontraditional student, and a new citizen of the United States he has had to overcome many obstacles, least of which has been to learn a new language and adjust to his new adopted culture.

During his undergraduate studies I had the opportunity to get to know him well. He took three upper level courses with me and performed very well in all three, attaining A's. In the time that I have known him, he has impressed me as a mature individual, with an eagerness and commitment to complement his native knowledge of the Spanish language with the richness of the culture.

He is a caring person, willing to give of his time to help fellow students in a wide variety of ways. Perhaps the most significant one was his contribution to overcome the bureaucratic obstacles to convert the Tertulia(Spanish Club) into a recognized BSC club. He served as its first president. The success of this Spanish Program's venture will be in great part due to the efforts that Mr. Perez and the other officers have made in the past two years.

As a concluding remark, I recommend Mr. Perez without reservations to be admitted to the program that he may be applying because he is a worthy candidate to your School.

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Sincerely,

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