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Dear H.E.R.O. Scholarship Committee,

It is my honor and privilege to write this letter of recommendation for I had the pleasure of meeting in Spring 2020 when she first began taking classes at LTCC.

... is an STHS graduate and joined LTCC's Promise Program in 2020. She is a motivated student who has managed to juggle a very busy schedule, including working full-time and taking care of her family, while remaining successful in her classes. ... will graduate with a Liberal Arts: Math and Science degree in June 2022 with a 3.75 GPA. has been accepted to San Diego State's Public Health Bachelors program and will transfer to SDSU in the Fall. is passionate about helping people and wants to become a nurse.

.... has overcome incredible obstacles throughout her life. She was raised by a single immigrant mother and has experienced significant financial hardships. grew up believing college was too expensive and she was expected to work and contribute to her family. When her cousin Jose, an LTCC graduate, passed away suddenly while she was in High School, decided she wanted to follow in Jose's footsteps and be an LTCC student. Over the last four years has experienced extreme difficulties including the death of two cousins, witnessing domestic violence in her home, working two jobs while going to school full time to provide for her family during the pandemic when her mom lost her job, and additional financial hardship due to the Caldor fire and the cost of evacuations. Through it all, has been determined and resilient. This scholarship will help pursue her dreams of attending college at SDSU and eventually becoming a nurse.

I am honored to have worked with such an incredible student and I look forward to hearing about her accomplishments in the future. I am confident that deserves the opportunity to be chosen for your scholarship.

Sincerely,

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