

Letter of Recommendation

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am privileged to write this letter in support of Andres J. Rodriguez, with whom I had the distinct pleasure of working in the FIU Thrive Project at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. Andres distinguished himself not only through his technical skills but also through his exceptional personal virtues of humility and respect.

Andres demonstrated a unique receptivity to feedback, which he seamlessly integrated into his work to refine outcomes and enhance project quality. His willingness to engage in open and constructive dialogues contributed significantly to a team atmosphere where all felt valued and motivated to excel.

Despite the demands of his academic pursuits, Andres never allowed them to compromise his involvement in our project. He meticulously balanced his commitments, ensuring his active participation in all scheduled meetings and discussions, often rearranging his personal obligations to fulfill his project duties.

Andres is particularly notable for his strategic thinking and creativity. He was often tasked with open-ended projects that required not just execution but vision. His approach always involved thoughtful analysis and creative problem-solving, which allowed him to outline paths forward where others saw ambiguity. This capability was crucial in not only advancing our project but also in providing it with a clear and innovative direction.

The environment that Andres helped to foster was one of camaraderie and mutual respect, greatly enhancing team dynamics and productivity. His professional demeanor and friendly nature made him a pivotal member of our team.

In conclusion, Andres's blend of dedication, strategic insight, and interpersonal skills makes him an extraordinary candidate for any position, as he brings both technical prowess and a positive, collaborative spirit to every endeavor he undertakes.

For any further endorsements or information, feel free to contact me at tstefano@fiu.edu.

Warm regards,

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