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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to provide an enthusiastic recommendation for Araceli Duron. One of the most rewarding aspects of being an educator is to have students that not only engage in the learning process but add to it - Araceli is such a student.

I had the pleasure of having Araceli as a student in my Oceanography Lab course. In this course Araceli stood out and emerged as one of my top students. Her ability to excel was due to many factors, but most notably; 1) her genuine interest in science, 2) her diligent approach to her academic studies, and 3) her desire to link the content she was learning in lecture to the practical application of lab exercises.

In my course Nadia not only displayed an excellent grasp of scientific concepts as they relate to the ocean but also engaged with other students to ensure their understanding of these concepts as well. In addition, Araceli would often ask interesting questions related to the application of specific concepts and engage in discussion to see how the subjects related to other scientific disciplines - this quality speaks to her multidisciplinary approach to the sciences.

Lastly, it is Araceli's willingness to step outside her comfort zone and engage with various faculty throughout our science division to ensure that she is doing what she needs to do in order to expand her scientific knowledge and explore opportunities (i.e., internships, volunteer work, etc.). Her enthusiasm about the science in which she is pursuing – Oceanography – is contagious and she creates excitement within in those around her.

It is without reservation that I recommend Araceli Duron for acceptance to your internship program. I fully expect Araceli to be a valuable addition not only to the program, but to the scientific community in general – I certainly wish I had more students like her. If you should require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards



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