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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Austin Aguilar Avila. I had the privilege of mentoring Austin during my time as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines, where I came to know Austin as a hardworking and intellectually curious student with a genuine passion for writing, communication, and environmentalism.

One of Austin's greatest strengths is his ability to effectively communicate ideas through writing and presentations. Austin designed and presented a project proposal to school officials and local government leaders, led its implementation, and ultimately secured a \$900 U.S.-funded grant to support the project. He then built on that experience from the project to develop and deliver a presentation at the Model United Nations Festival at the Philippine National Science High School. I was impressed by Austin's ability to communicate complex ideas clearly, speak confidently in front of an audience, and thoughtfully respond to questions raised during his presentation. His ability to think critically and articulate his ideas under pressure is a quality that will serve him well in both his academic and professional pursuits.

In addition to his accomplishments, Austin consistently demonstrated leadership, professionalism, and clear, timely communication. These qualities will serve him well in a rigorous university environment.

I am confident that Austin will excel in the fields of psychology, journalism, and education. He will bring the same initiative and dedication to his coursework, student organizations, and extracurricular activities, while contributing positively to the broader campus community. I do not doubt that he will not only thrive in his academic environment but also enrich the school community through his leadership and commitment to others.

I strongly recommend him for scholarship consideration.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Ashlin Klocke
Peace Corps Volunteer