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**Re: General Letter of Recommendation for Elvis Sanchez**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Daniel R. Murphy, and I am a Counselor in the Percy Ellis Sutton SEEK Program at New York City College of Technology – City University of New York (“City Tech”). SEEK, which stands for “Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge,” is a unique higher educational opportunity program that provides comprehensive academic and counseling support to capable students who otherwise might not be able to attend college due to their educational or financial circumstances. I am a Licensed Master Social Worker who graduated with an MSW degree from New York University Silver School of Social Work in May 2010. I am also a May 2003 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley School of Law who clerked for a federal judge and practiced immigration law for several years before transitioning to the social work field.

It is my absolute pleasure to write this general letter of recommendation on behalf of Elvis Sanchez (hereafter “Elvis”). I know Elvis well because, as a SEEK student who graduated with a bachelor degree in Computer Systems Technology in January 2016, he was one of more than 150 SEEK students at City Tech who were on my individual counseling caseload. In light of the fact that I meet with and counsel upwards of 150 students each semester, it is noteworthy that Elvis stands out in my mind as one of the most inquisitive, thoughtful, motivated, and hard-working students with whom I have worked in my five-plus years counseling students.

I have known Elvis since May 2012 and have met with him for individual counseling more than 15 times. Our sessions have focused on academic, career, and personal matters. Based on my interactions and conversations with him, I can confidently state that he exhibits an extraordinary amount of curiosity, depth, intelligence, and ability. This is evidenced by his impressive cumulative grade point average of 3.028 in a difficult and competitive major. What’s more, whereas the vast majority of students work less hard in their senior year of college, Elvis’s drive to succeed academically only increased; for example, in his final semester of college Elvis earned one A grade and three B+ grades for a term grade point average of 3.161. In order to excel academically, Elvis consistently received tutoring and academic coaching in SEEK. He was also a fixture at SEEK academic and social events, and it is no exaggeration to say that he was and continues to be beloved by all of the SEEK staff.



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In addition, Elvis is pro-active about his future and knows that, rather than passively waiting for opportunities to present themselves to him, he needs to seek them out in order to create the future that he wants. His asking me to write this general letter of recommendation is a case in point, as he thinks and plans in the long-term. Elvis realizes that, in order to get where he wants to be five years from now, he needs to make wise choices each and every day. He understands that the decisions he makes today have a profound effect on the outcomes and experiences he will attain not only tomorrow but years from now.

Elvis has many other wonderful qualities that make him a stellar applicant. For instance, he is a resilient worker who never gives up on any endeavor he sets his mind to. He is funny, soft-spoken, mild-mannered, and polite. He is immensely sincere, likable, and fun to talk to. He is a person of great integrity and sound judgment.

In sum, it is my pleasure to recommend Elvis without any reservations whatsoever.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or desire additional information about Elvis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Daniel R. Murphy'.

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