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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to highly recommend Sergio Mancilla for admission to Evergreen's Master in Teaching graduate program, for the 2023-24 school year.

I have known Sergio for over four years as he was part of the AmeriCorps team at College Success Foundation that I supervised 2018-2021. He was a direct report of mine (I was his supervisor as the College Success Foundation's Program Manager, in the Tacoma region), as he worked as a College and Career Coach at Gray Middle School in Tacoma, Washington for two years.

He is an exceptional teacher and connects well with students of all backgrounds. He is firm, kind, and takes the time to really get to know each and every student. He was a highly valued employee, and always went the extra mile to serve his school, students, organization and community. He excelled in every task, no matter how challenging. Some of his main attributes are his kindness, his persistence, and diligence; he has grit and resilience. He is engaging, with a great sense of humor and he works well as a team member or independently. He can be counted upon to support and be responsive at all times. He has wonderful communication skills, verbally as well as in written formats. He will do well in the Evergreen cohort model, as he has always been a great support to his team members, and is a highly responsible team-player. He is already a seasoned teacher, with two years of teaching at Gray Middle School, an urban-serving school that is extremely diverse. His Spanish-speaking skills are very important, and he brings cultural richness from his own Latino background that served our students well. He will do well in either MiT pathway-EL Integration or Community Teaching Pathway.

Sergio will excel academically as well. He places high value in education, and always strives to learn more and reach goals he sets for himself. He has great organizational skill sets, and can manage multiple priorities very well. Let me know if I can give more specific information. I know you will be very happy with Sergio Mancilla in your MiT program or pathway.

Respectfully,

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