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Letter of Recommendation for *Jennifer Cordova-James*

Dear Scholarship Committee,

 I am the Assistant Director, for our Master’s in Public Administration (MPA) – *Tribal Governance Concentration* and I am pleased to provide this letter of recommendation for one of our esteemed students’ – Jennifer Cordova-James. She is an excellent graduate student progressing well academically in our MPA program; this is a wonderful reflection of her skill as *tribal advocate* assisting her fellow graduate cohort members. Her advocating for her fellow cohort members is something that stands out for me; this is unusual for a graduate student who consistently advocates for others in class never for herself only – impressive. Jennifer will inspire respect and invoke collaboration among team players, she is engaging, professional, and respectful. Her presence in class is that of an attentive student taking her academics seriously and we are impressed with her scholastic performance.

In addition, Jennifer counsels and assists undergraduate students with financial aid, scholarship pursuits, and grant opportunities; those students are fortunate to have her as a support liaison.

 While many graduate students are busy with academics, family, work, and other important personal responsibilities, Jennifer never has sought assistance for just herself. Often times she will share information with the entire cohort whether its useful material pertaining to a topic discussed in class or from reading material.

I sincerely hope that you give Jennifer’s application submittal favorable consideration. You are welcome to contact me personally to confirm the above information.

Sincerely,

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