



Counselor Recommendation for Romeo Carmona

I am one of the college counselors at KIPP University Prep, and I have had the pleasure of working with Romeo as his college counselor this year. I am delighted to tell you all about this wonderful person.

Please write a 1-2 page recommendation letter that details how this student exemplifies 2-3 of the key traits that we value at KIPP: Leadership, Resilience, Character, Relationship Building, Entrepreneurial Spirit, Achievement, and Civic-mindedness

Leadership

I first met Romeo in my advisory class last year. He was a member of Peer Group Connection, and he was assigned as a mentor to my advisory of freshman boys. Throughout the year he and two other mentors would lead advisory twice a week, discussing school, relationships, maturity, character, and focus, among other things. He impressed me with his willingness to turn back and shape the underclassmen through his own example.

Relationship Building

Of course, to be a mentor he had to be willing to open up about his own life, and this is where relationships were built. Some of the freshmen wanted to know about Romeo's experiences with situations that he was facing. He shared some very vulnerable moments that I will not recount here, and did so with maturity and without glorifying or encouraging his mistakes. On days that he was not in our advisory, I could tell that the students had grown closer with him because they would ask for him or when he would be back. I still see some of that advisory class in the hallway, and Romeo is still connecting with them.

Entrepreneurial Spirit

I have always known Romeo to work for what he wanted. If I remember clearly, he worked at Journeys (or some other shoe store), and he would often explain that if you know what you want, you have to work for it. Romeo is applying to college to study marketing. He knows that this requires business classes, and that is where his mind is at. He has applied to go to the University of North Texas to study, which I am encouraged by because not all of our students are willing to leave home to chase their dreams. Romeo is. I have no doubt that he will be successful at it.



Romeo has already proven himself to be independent: he works hard, he leads, and he has the social skills to create new social circles. Romeo wants to be successful, and so far he has worked hard to be so.

I would be happy to take any additional questions. Please reach out should you need anything.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Moon".

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