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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Alexis De Ocampo, whom I have had the pleasure of working with for over a year in my role as Assistant Director of New Student Programs at Columbia College Chicago.

Alexis is currently a senior pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising with a concentration in Management & Strategy, and she has consistently demonstrated a high level of professionalism, initiative, and leadership in every space she occupies. With a strong academic record, including Dean's List honors and a GPA of 3.8 – 4.0, Alexis brings both intellectual curiosity and practical skill to her work.

In her role as an Engage Leader, Alexis has been an invaluable member of our team. As a transfer student herself, she has taken a proactive approach to supporting other transfer students as they transition into campus life. She is a strong advocate for student belonging and has played a key role in helping new students feel welcomed, seen, and supported. Whether through one-on-one interactions, staffing Engage Homeroom office hours, or supporting campus programming, Alexis consistently goes above and beyond to ensure students are connected to the resources they need.

Alexis also excels as a communicator and public speaker. During Orientation, she has served on student panels where she provides thoughtful insight, guidance, and reassurance to incoming students. She has a natural ability to create inclusive, welcoming environments where others feel comfortable engaging and asking questions. Her presence brings both confidence and authenticity to any space she is in.

In addition to her leadership and interpersonal strengths, Alexis demonstrates strong analytical and organizational skills. Her academic and professional experiences reflect her ability to synthesize data, support strategic decision-making, and contribute meaningfully to team-based projects. She is reliable, detail-oriented, and consistently follows through on her commitments.

Alexis is the type of individual who not only meets expectations but elevates the work and people around her. I am confident that she will continue to excel in any professional setting she enters and will be an asset to any organization.

I strongly recommend Alexis De Ocampo for any opportunity she chooses to pursue. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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