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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a TRIO Project Advisor at Columbia College Chicago, and I am delighted to nominate Alexis De Ocampo with whom I have worked for the last two years. I have been fortunate to get to know Alexis first in my capacity as a TRIO advisor, and more recently, as a colleague. Our program was excited to welcome her on as a staff member this year.

Alexis' presence in the TRIO suite is one of the main reasons our students feel welcomed immediately upon entering the space. She is the first person to greet everyone and the first to offer support to her peers. Her professionalism and demeanor demonstrate warmth and assurance, and her ability to communicate fluidly with both students and staff has been critical to our daily program operations.

Over the last year, Alexis has grown in her leadership roles on campus, and recently had the opportunity to compete as a top 10 finalist in a national team retail competition for college students. She also took on a role as a campus Engage Leader, organizing and running orientation sessions for the incoming class of freshmen and transfer students, and going the additional mile to make them feel welcomed into their new academic home. In addition to her formal campus roles, she also serves as the Vice President for the campus Asian Alliance, where she leads communications and team meetings, and promotes the organization's brand across campus and social platforms.

Alexis demonstrates remarkable management skills, and her ability to balance school and community engagement makes her a role model for others academically and professionally. For these reasons, it is my pleasure to recommend her for any position she pursues, I and am confident she will continue to grow in her skill and ability to bring value to any organization.

Sincerely,

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