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To The Office Of Admissions:

I have the enormous pleasure of writing a letter of recommendation regarding my student, Carolina Ferreira. As the acting head of the drama department at LaGuardia, I have had the privilege of being Carolina's teacher, director and producer over the past four years.

It has been truly exciting to watch her develop into being an outgoing talented actress, as well as a gifted producer and stage manager. She is a true triple threat.

Carolina is an extremely organized, high-energy go-getter. She dives into every project and gives 150%. She does not wait for something to fall into her lap. She goes and finds things to do. Indeed it was in the area of producing that Carolina and I truly connected. Carolina has had her hand in every production at LaGuardia, both large scale and small, for the past three years. On a small scale, she always stage manages her drama class scenes. (Teachers fight over who is going to have her in their class.) On a large scale, junior year she assisted me and the professional choreographer on the chaotic all school, 150-cast member talent show called *Rising Stars*. Her outstanding work on that show led me to ask her to be my assistant producer on *Sweet Charity*, this year's all school musical. These shows have large casts and large budgets, and are performed in our concert hall that seats 1,100 students. They are very big deals at our high school of performing arts. They can also be nerve-wracking. Carolina excels when things get tough. She is passionate and yet can stay even-tempered, she is enthusiastic, but knows when to let things go. She is ambitious and yet a realist. She can also prioritize. She is such a successful problem solver that at times I think she is clairvoyant. Her character is unassailable and her work ethic is indefatigable.

My lengthy and close proximity to Carolina has also allowed me the opportunity to witness Carolina deal with very real disappointment in her personal life and navigate enormous obstacles to her education. She has done so with quiet dignity, determination and grace. Her classmates adore her for her kind sense of humor, and her generosity of spirit.

I firmly believe that Carolina Ferreira will embrace every academic and artistic opportunity offered by any fine arts program. I highly recommend her.

Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

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