Dear Administrative Professional Contribution Aware Selection Committee;

It is an honor and with great confidence and enthusiasm that I write this letter of nomination for Micah Bockstruck-Martinez for the Administrative Professional Contribution Award. The award criteria ask us highlight employee’s contributions to productivity, innovative problem solving, positive working relationships, and university or community service that goes above and beyond expected job responsibilities. I believe that in the last 2 years of service Micah has exemplified all these characteristics, and in the 2020-2021 year he has found his voice and stride in leading, developing, and engaging with others.

Throughout the past year, Micah has continuously gone above and beyond in his work, developing a variety of programs that are focused on directly supporting our students. Throughout a virtual year with COVID-19 Micah helped arrange a completely virtual Multicultural Greek Recruitment Week (MGRW) that included Greek Lingo & Meet the Greeks, a virtual Game Night, and a 20-minute promotional video that included shoutouts/performances/and promo for each of our 14 Multicultural Greek Organizations. Promotion of the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) was vital to the success of the community this year and Micah helped to advise and oversee this huge project with his students. His ability to manage multiple competing priorities seamlessly has not gone unnoticed, and he has been sought out by several departments to assist on a variety of committees including the Chicanx Latinx Student Center (CLSC) Committee, Week of Welcome Committee, La Bienvenida Committee, and Family Weekend Committee. Micah provides a great perspective as the primary advisor to the Multicultural Greek Community and National Pan-Hellenic Council and is greatly valued on our team.

The award seeks a candidate who is an innovative problem solver, a description that I believe accurately describes Micah’s approach to problem solving. Micah helped to bring a speaker, Bethany Bledsoe, to work and support our culturally based organizations. Micah listened to issues that the community had and wanted to work through and brought an outside consultant to help provide perspective and make positive change within the community. Micah arrange Bethany to meet 1:1 with all MGC chapter presidents, with the MGC Exec, and coordinated several focus groups for
general members. The purpose of the Washington State University Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is to cultivate the growth of each member organization by serving as a unifying body for culturally-based fraternities, sororities and like entities while striving to improve community life through service and education and Micah’s has helped guide the community towards this.

As I examine Micah’s positive working relationships, you don’t have to look far. Micah created a great working relationship with the External Engagement and Strategic Initiatives department to help establish a scholarship for the Multicultural Greek Council. It is the MGC Academic Excellence Scholarship that awards a recipient of $1,500 from the community. Micah worked hard with the department, the MGC President, Juliana Medel, and the VP of Scholarship, Vanessa Moz to help establish this and make this happen and it was a huge success for the committee and something that everyone was very excited and proud of.

Micah is truly an example of what it means to Contribute to the WSU community as an Administrative Professional. He has certainly excelled in his contributions to productivity, innovative problem solving, positive working relationships, and university & community service. I cannot think of a co-worker more deserving of this award! Micah is an incredible champion for the work in student affairs and fraternity & sorority life. I appreciate his strength, hard work, and commitment to this profession. It is without hesitation that I recommend Micah for the AP Contribution award.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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