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Dear Scholarship Committee,

It is my pleasure to enthusiastically recommend Ryan Matthew Alvarado as a recipient for the College of Science and Engineering/Associated Students Scholarship.

My name is Taylor Nasim Stone, and I am a Graduate Teaching Associate at SF State. I had the pleasure of working with Ryan during the 2023 Fall semester while he was a student in my American Studies 225 course. Of all the students that I've worked with, Ryan stands out not just for the excellent quality of his work but also his demeanor.

Ryan demonstrated both a habit of patient listening as well as intentional and well thought out remarks in class discussion. In this way, Ryan would often lead and direct the classroom discussions in a spirit of thoughtfulness. He is also among the most creative and organized students that I have ever known. For this reason, he always completed his assignments in a timely manner and consistently, clearly communicated with me whenever necessary.

I was impressed with Ryan's critical thinking skills and curiosity for learning. In his projects, Ryan was applying what he learned in fresh and exciting ways and I think our course was enriched by his active participation. If it were possible to give him a grade higher than an A, I would have because he sincerely deserved it.

Please feel free to contact me at 706-502-6718 or tstone2@sfsu.edu if you have any questions or would like me to further elaborate on Ryan's strengths and achievements.

Sincerely,

Taylor Nasim Stone
(she / her)
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taylor Nasim Stone".