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## To whom it may concern:

As a Professor and Co-Director at the Institute for Central American Development Studies (ICADS), I have had the opportunity to work closely with Ethan Wang while he was a student in our Virtual Internship program in Central America in cooperation with Global Cultural Adventurers, Inc and Beijing MDF International Education and Technology Co. in January 2021.

Throughout his Virtual Internship with ICADS, Ethan demonstrated an inspiring capacity to critically reflect on the complexities characterizing contemporary Latin America. His drive to learn and ability to form meaningful relationships with our Latin American hosts made Ethan a standout among an incredibly gifted peer group. Ethan approached his studies and all program activities with a sincere and passionate spirit – a spirit that he expressed beautifully in his writing and speaking. As Ethan's faculty advisor during ICADS's Internship, I was inspired by his uncommonly sharp analytical skills. His drive to learn places his among the best students with whom I have had the privilege of working.

In addition to Ethan's strong academic skills, he possesses extensive cross-cultural experience and is completely bilingual. His English improved a lot during his time with ICADS. But also Ethan was able to communicate and produce linguistically in the Spanish language. Ethan is a person interested in the Latin American reality and that has led him to expand his knowledge of the Spanish language and show a special interest in culture and especially in Latin American literature.

Regarding interpersonal relations, Ethan successfully maintained relationships with his peers and faculty in Latin America. Ethan is a thoughtful listener and practices a charming sense of humor. His cross-cultural communication skills and superior level of emotional competence will add to Ethan's contributions. Furthermore, Ethan's integrity, sincerity, and thoughtfulness will accurately communicate the true spirit of what it means to be a global citizen.

I fiercely recommend that you invite Ethan Wang to join in your program. I would be delighted to expand upon this reference if such would be helpful to you.



Sincerely,

