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Scholarship Committee
OSU Turfgrass Management PACE Course Series

Dear Members of the Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Amador (AJ) Martinez for the OSU Turfgrass Management PACE Course Series Scholarship. This marks AJ's second consecutive year applying for this scholarship. Rather than being disheartened by not being selected last year, AJ has demonstrated remarkable growth and dedication in the field of turfgrass management.

AJ has accumulated substantial experience over the past few years working within the golf course industry. From his initial role as a crew member at Langdon, where he worked under my supervision, AJ quickly exhibited a deep passion for the profession, a keen understanding of the game of golf, and an impressive aptitude for leadership. His ability to rapidly assimilate knowledge and his commitment to excellence have been evident throughout his career.

When I transitioned from Langdon, I was particularly saddened to leave behind employees like AJ, who had ascended to the role of Assistant in Training. Upon opening a new assistant position at Willamette Valley Country Club, I immediately called AJ. He accepted the position without hesitation, embracing the opportunity to tackle a major role at a new course. Over the past five months, AJ has proven to be an invaluable asset, effectively leading when needed, navigating challenging situations, and gaining a thorough understanding of country club operations through active participation in meetings and interactions with the membership.

AJ Martinez is an assistant superintendent who stands out as a promising candidate for further education and advancement. Given the current shortage of skilled assistant superintendents in our field, it is crucial to support emerging talents like AJ to ensure the continued excellence of our profession. I wholeheartedly recommend AJ for this scholarship and believe it will greatly benefit his career development.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information or have further questions.

Sincerely,

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