



Harry S Truman

Education that Works

To whom it may concern:

My name is Lorenzo Craig. I am the Executive Director of Education and OST for Harry S Truman College. I'm writing this letter on behalf of Samuel Figueroa, who I have known and seen grow academically during this past summer and currently school year. I'm Sam's former work study boss for Innovation One and summer intern supervisor. I can validate that Samuel is a genius and unquestionably a natural leader. This young man is a very intelligent, articulate, and respectful scholar. Samuel has a work ethic that is remarkable. Samuel only produced quality work and used his time wisely.

Along with Samuel's many accomplishments, there are countless things that stand out in my mind about him. Samuel demonstrates honesty, integrity, and decency. Sam's character speaks wonders and stands out amongst his peers. Samuel is reliable, dependable, and exceptional. For example, this past summer, Samuel was a STEAMBassador. STEAMBassadors were students between the ages of 18-24 that are specially trained to run summer programming for middle school students in the city of Chicago. They were trained to facilitate 3D-printing, coding with Spheros and Lego Robotics. I looked to Samuel to explain information to his fellow interns that had difficulty understanding the concepts. Samuel is a superb coder, so I relied on him daily to accomplish this task during Lego Robotics and coding with Spheros. Samuel has the superb skill of processing information quickly and teaching it to others in a way that can be understood by all. All students that have worked with Samuel during the summer truly enjoyed the experience.

Samuel started at Harry S Truman College as a student studying English as a Second Language. He had completed some college courses, but his goal was always to finish his degree. Once he had excelled in his English skills, he started taking courses toward an Associate's Degree in Computer Science, with the plan to transfer to a four-year institution to complete a degree in computer engineering. His determination and dedication to this goal are inspiring, as is his 4.0 GPA. Samuel not only is focused on his studies he is also focused on making campus a friendlier, more connected place. He is serving as the Student Government Association (SGA) President for the 2023-2024 academic school year.

Samuel's instructors speak on how smart he is, how he demonstrates perseverance, and how well his attitude is. Samuel is a leader among his classmates and a positive role model for the underclassmen at Truman. I have no doubt that Samuel deserves every good thing he applies for. He is tenacious, he is goal-oriented, and he is a life-long learner. He dedicated his time to be the best and he will continue to be the best. He has a strong internal drive to help others and improve the world around him. If he were to receive this internship opportunity, it would undoubtedly be a significant turning point in his educational journey. I wish more students were like him.

Sincerely, 
Lorenzo Craig (Executive Director of Education and OST)