

HARRY S TRUMAN COLLEGE

CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO

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Dear Robert Schalkenbach Foundation Committee,

This letter is in support of Samuel Figueroa in his application for the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation Scholarship. I have known Samuel for the past year, meeting him when I started working at Harry S Truman College. He is an amazing student and one of the top student leaders on campus with the goal to make campus life for his fellow students a much more connected, inclusive, and engaged place.

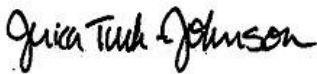
Samuel started at Harry S Truman College as a student studying English as a Second Language – he and his family moved here from Latin America just before the pandemic. He had completed some college courses, but his goal was always to finish his degree. Once he had excelled in his English skills, he started taking courses toward an Associate's Degree in Computer Science, with the plan to transfer to a four-year institution to complete a Bachelor's Degree. 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 year, working to connect more students to campus as more and more classes are held in person post-pandemic. He wants all students to feel welcome and get involved. He has succeeded in this and brings together the two major student populations at Truman – those taking classes in Adult Education (GED and ESL) and those taking classes for college credit.

Samuel is incredibly smart, driven, and caring. He has a strong internal drive to help others and improve the world around him. If he received this scholarship, it would be a game-changer for him in his educational journey.

If you have any further questions about Samuel, please feel free to contact me at 773-907-4830 or via e-mail at jturekjohnson@ccc.edu.

Sincerely,



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