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Dear Continuing Contract Committee:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Professor Ricardo Vargas for continuing contract at Broward College. Professor Vargas exemplifies teaching and learning excellence in his role as Assistant Professor of the STEM-Information Technology Pathway at Broward College Online. His dedication to his discipline and commitment to student success make him an asset to the faculty body.

As former Dean of Online Campus and e-Learning, I had the privilege of observing Professor Vargas's exceptional pedagogy. He is a student-centered educator, committed to nurturing students' love and understanding of technology and preparing them for the future of work. His areas of focus in network architecture and information security, coupled with his postsecondary teaching experience, make him a prime candidate for a tenured faculty position. His practice directly aligns with the Broward College mission of transforming lives and enriching our diverse community through academic excellence and innovation.

Beyond his contributions in the classroom, Professor Vargas demonstrates a meaningful commitment to serving the College through his work on various committees. Throughout his service on the Online Campus Grade Appeals Committee, he brought valuable subject matter expertise to appeals involving academic integrity, syllabus standards, and institutional policy and procedure. His knowledge of emerging technologies and third-party platforms that enable students to outsource or plagiarize their academic work added an important perspective to committee deliberations. He approached each student case with care and professional judgment, helping the committee consider both the integrity of academic work and the principles of fair and effective instruction. His service on the Online Campus Professor of the Year Committee further reflects his commitment to instructional excellence. He reviewed faculty portfolios and teaching demonstrations, contributing to the committee's thoughtful consideration and selection of deserving candidates. These contributions are evidence of Professor Vargas's broader commitment to academic affairs and a willingness to lend his expertise to processes that uphold the quality and integrity of teaching and learning at the College.

Professor Vargas is a strong advocate of student success whose instructional delivery is of high quality. He employs a user-centered, solutions-oriented approach that scaffolds learning, promotes critical thinking through hands-on activities, and keeps students engaged by fostering complex problem-solving in the classroom. He regularly interacts with students on discussion boards, announcements, and assessment feedback. In these spaces, he poses key questions and motivates students by communicating that learning is a process and problem-solving and creativity are just as important as mastering technology. He also encourages them to use available resources such as the BC Libraries, tutoring, and virtual as well as on-campus labs for tactile learning. It has been an honor to witness him motivating students to overcome barriers and reach their full potential.

Clearly, Professor Vargas has a passion for his discipline and, more specifically, for teaching. His service to the college, innovative instructional approach, and steadfast support of students prove that he is well-positioned to serve our students in the years to come. If given the opportunity for continuing contract, I am confident he will continue to shine in his role and play an integral part alongside his faculty colleagues in

driving student success and retention. He also will join an outstanding team of tenured faculty committed to advancing the mission of Broward College.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding Professor Vargas's credentials, please do not hesitate to contact me at psuarez2@broward.edu or (954) 201-7258. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Priscilla M. Suarez". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Priscilla M. Suarez, MS
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