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Program Officer, Excellence in Action Award 2019

As the Student Affiliation Program Administrator for University Medical Center of El Paso, we support Socorro ISD Health Professions Academy (HPA) at Socorro High School and the recognition of the implementation of the Four Year Academy. During the 15 plus years of partnership with Socorro ISD Health Profession Academy, we have worked with the students who are interested in a Health Science Program of Study; we have experienced students who are eager, ready and willing to expose themselves to many of the health careers we provide at the hospital.

The students are granted eight (8) weeks of rotation through a variety of departments and observe healthcare professionals in clinical, nursing and supporting areas within the healthcare delivery system. The goal of the program is to educate students about the complexities of a healthcare hospital system and the many jobs that are available within these settings.

As leaders in health care industry in our community, we strive to provide opportunities to our local students in the area of personal development to lead confident, healthy, independent lives and to become informed, active and responsible citizens. University Medical Center is committed to encouraging our talent to stay in El Paso and this is one of the ways we are proud to be a part of the El Paso community and will maintain high involvement with community members, leaders and organizations as our partners in making El Paso a healthier place to live.

We recognize the faculty is very committed and engaged to the program. It is very exciting to witness the students from the Health Professions Academy at Socorro High School be so passionate about connecting their high school experiences to college and working towards providing healthcare services in the future to our local community. We fully support Socorro ISD's Health Professions Academy for their outstanding program and encourage you to recognize their efforts by awarding them the annual Excellence in Action award for 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nellie Flores".

Nellie Flores
Affiliation Program Administrator

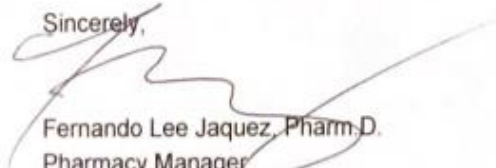
Dear Awards Selection Committee,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write in support of Socorro High School's Health Professions Academy Pharmacy Technology program for consideration of your Excellence in Action Award. As a Pharmacy Manager at Walgreens I have the pleasure of hosting students from various programs, and have been particularly impressed with the degree of professionalism and preparation from the students in this program. As a member of the Health Professions Academy Advisory Board, I can attest that the program directors are open to feedback and take input into serious consideration. Walgreens' partnership with the program is currently in its fifth year and we look forward to many more successful years ahead.

Over the past five years, Walgreens has hosted over 200 students for their externship rotations at not only our store, but at other locations within our district. The students work closely alongside Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians and are able to gain practical experience to complement their classroom learning. The students have proven to be hardworking individuals with an enthusiasm for learning. As an employer, Walgreens has benefitted as we have gained access to a pool of highly skilled pharmacy technicians. To date, we have hired over 25 technicians that work either full time or part time while they attend college.

For the reasons above, I highly recommend the Socorro High School Health Professions Academy Pharmacy Technology program for consideration for your Excellence in Action Award. Should you have any questions regarding this recommendation please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Sincerely,



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