



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a note of recommendation for Dr. Irene Vasquez as a presenter at your conference. It has been my pleasure to know Irene for the past six years. Dr. Vasquez is a scholar, writer, performer, and community advocate. In all her activities, Irene is first and foremost herself, a Latina, who cares passionately about people and her culture.

At Western Michigan University she has an excellent reputation as a speaker, educator, and student advocate. Students who have taken her classes enjoy her lectures so much that they attend her presentations out of the classroom as well. In addition, she has always taken a personal interest in her students' welfare and they have sought her out to share their joys and sorrows. For many students she has been a person of great significance who has made a difference in their lives.

Dr. Vasquez is also well known in local community as she has worked with various non-profit agencies in leadership positions. Currently, she is the Vice President of the Hispanic American Council, Inc. in Kalamazoo. Dr. Vasquez has also served as a consultant with our public schools as well as other school systems. She has been an innovator in her work with our migrant and bilingual programs and the Lincoln magnet school.

As I mentioned earlier Irene is also a performer. I have seen her in a number of different theatrical presentations and the impact of her work is stunning. There is always something to be learned and something thought provoking about her performances. Irene does extensive research for her presentations and I believe that is why her work goes beyond being just a theater performance. I highly recommend Irene Vasquez and her company, Magical Rain Theater Works.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stella I. Morado-Cahue".

Stella I. Morado-Cahue
Associate to the Vice President for Student Affairs