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Dear members of the NALCAP selection committee:

I am very pleased to recommend John Lovecchio to your program. John has been my student in two of my courses in the Spanish program in the Department of Languages and Intercultural Studies at CCU. John took my SPAN 420 "Imagining the Indio in Spanish American Culture and Politics" (final grade B+, taught in Spanish) and SPAN 315 "Advanced Spanish Grammar and Conversation" (final grade A) in Spring and Fall 2021 respectively.

Looking at John's academic and professional trajectory you will find that he has acquired extensive and valuable experience in teaching and in counseling adolescents. John has also served as a mentor and role model for his younger peers during his time at CCU. He has done so well in my Spanish classes that I have selected him as an intern this Spring for the Spanish Immersion Program that I direct at the Early Childhood and Literacy Center, an experimental preschool within the university's campus. As an intern John will be teaching Spanish to 3-5-year old children for approximately 10 hours per week. I am very confident that John has the experience and drive to excel in this internship.

During my interactions with John both inside and outside the classroom, I have found him to be a respectful, responsible, dependable, and intelligent individual. In my view, John is one of the best (if not the best) qualified candidates for your program. The type of intercultural experience that your program offers is the next logical step in John's development as an instructor, mentor, and a leader in a global scale.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information regarding John.

Respectfully yours,

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