

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAREER PORTFOLIO



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INTRODUCTION

Criminal Justice is not only my career goal, but it has been a dream of mine since high school. Having been a teen mother, I can relate to juveniles and their problems. I am dedicated to helping juveniles through whatever obstacles they may encounter.

While attending Rxxx Hxxxx College for my Associate of Science degree in Administration of Justice, I have earned many certificates and awards. This career portfolio demonstrates my people skills and communication skills in the form of my volunteer work and my ability to recruit others to improve their lives. I am committed at all levels, and this is evident by my membership in a national professional organization.

I have overcome many obstacles, and can motivate others by example. I have great understanding and empathy for others who are in the midst of adversity.

I've always said to myself, "Just keep going, just keep going."

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PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT



Tri-Omega is a national professional organization, which includes a section for Criminal Justice students. The benefits for joining is being able to network with others, which helps me become certain that this is the field for me. Entrance into Tri-Omega is good preparation for joining any academy because one must pass a written and physical agility test.

OUTSTANDING QUALITIES



Please reproduce for references' use.

Soroptimist International of the Americas

**PERSONAL REFERENCE FOR A
WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARD CANDIDATE**

I thank you for taking the next few minutes of your time to recommend Elaine Gomez for consideration as a Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Award candidate. Criteria for selection for this award are printed on the reverse side of this form. Please use your personal knowledge of this candidate to respond to the following questions.

1. How long have you known the candidate and in what capacity (friend, employer, instructor, etc.)?

I have known Elaine Gomez since February, 1997. Since then, she has been my student assistant and peer advisor in Career Development.

2. What is your personal knowledge of the candidate's strengths/responsibilities in her life? (Address specific examples of accomplishments at work, school, home, community, place of worship, etc.)

Elaine is a rapid learner. She learned her job duties in a responsible manner. She works well with her co-workers and is very helpful with the students who seek help from her.

3. What is your personal knowledge of the candidate's educational goals and her progress toward accomplishing these goals? (Consider any barriers/difficulties this person has overcome.)

Elaine knew that she wanted to pursue a criminal justice career. She was determined to become a probation officer. She will graduate spring of '99 with her Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice. She is enrolled in the Forensics program for spring 1999 here at Rio Hondo College to enhance her education goal.

Elaine is a single parent with three small children and an infant. She attended school and worked the full nine months of her last pregnancy. It is admirable that she is able to handle going to school and work while providing for her children. She has held two jobs at one time while attending college to supplement her welfare check. She is very dependable and very conscientious about keeping her working hours.

4. Is there any additional information you would like to mention that you think the judges should know about the candidate? (Please refer to the criteria on the reverse side of this form.)

I highly recommend that Elaine Gomez be awarded this much deserved award. She has a definite financial need to help her accomplish her educational goal.

Name Josie Date 12/14/98
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Please return completed reference to the applicant for submission with application

In applying for a scholarship, I attained a personal reference. This letter of recommendation shows my determination and commitment in pursuing my education. My immediate supervisor, Jxxxx Axxx, recommended me for this award, because she thinks highly of me.

HARD WORK PAYS OFF



"Friend of Youth"

June 3, 1994

Dear Elaine,

CONGRATULATIONS;

The members of the Eastside Optimist Club of Monterey Park are pleased to present you its \$100.00 Scholarship award as a member of the 1993-94 graduating class at the Infant Toddler Center at Montebello High School.

We invite you and your parents to be the guest of the Eastside Optimist Club for dinner at our Scholarship Awards Meeting on Tuesday June 14, 1994 at the Gotham Grill (formerly Prime Cut Restaurant) 116 East Beverly Blvd., Montebello, CA Telephone (213) 722-3030. Please plan to arrive about 6:45 p.m. as dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. (Please limit your party to be no more than three (3) people attending.)

At the dinner we will be honoring the scholarship recipients from Alhambra, Mark Keppel, San Gabriel and Schurr High School as well as the four recipients from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program and the Infant Toddler Center at Montebello High School.

Please call me at (626) 251-0000 or in the evenings at (626) 251-1122 to confirm if you and your parents will be in attendance.

Sincerely,

Scholarship Chairman

This course, designed to improve my parenting skills, was self-initiated. Out of approximately forty students, I was chosen as the sole recipient for this award. This was the first time in my life that I received a scholarship, and it made me very proud.

ACADEMICALLY SUCCESSFUL



Early in my college days, I fell behind academically. As I diligently improved my grades, I was awarded with this certificate. It shows a completion of forty-eight study hours completed in one semester, which resulted in bringing my grade point average back up.