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To whom it may concern:

My name is Maria Almestica and I found out about Tec Centro through a friend. I enrolled for the Dental Assistant class on 08/10/2020 and completed the program successfully on 02/20/2021.

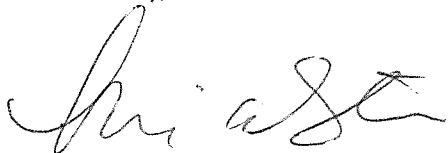
Before that I did not have any schooling, I always struggled with ADD and it was difficult for me to finish high school let alone pursue a career. I decided to become a professional and go back to school and get my GED, I worked hard, and it took me years to attain my GED. After that I wanted to enroll in some type of continuing education. I called Tec Centro and placed my name on the waiting list for Dental Assistant.

When the Career Navigator called me for an orientation my financial situation was not in a good place, I was receiving food stamps and other state assistance. I completed the process and was accepted into the Dental Assistant program. At that time, I was taking care of my children and my brother's children which totaled to 5 children, and it was not easy going to school and taking care of my household. But I did it and I traveled to Lancaster from Columbia every day.

My Career Navigator helped me with receiving assistance for books, uniforms, and everything I needed to become successful in this class. When the time came, I was placed at Family First Dental for my internship, I was required to complete 160 hours. After my internship they decided to hire me full time with benefits. I received my RHS certification (radiology health & safety) on 08/2021 and soon after I received a raise.

I am grateful for the opportunity Tec Centro has given me and the chance to advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maria Almestica', written in a cursive style.

Maria Almestica