

To Whom It May Concern;

This letter is in support of access to any funding opportunities to expand educational experiences for students in our EMLS (English for Multilingual Students) courses. The primary goal of this project is take students to an educational conference which focuses specifically in writing and reading, led by internationally recognized Latinx author Jimmy Santiago Baca. The author will be fundamentally inspiring for our EMLS students, many who have never been out of Kern County, allowing for Latinx students to have the opportunity to self-identify with him as well. This conference will implicitly and explicitly help EMLS students to complete their writing goals and educational dreams.

Currently, the Adult Education Program provides students in Bakersfield and surrounding rural Kern County cities the opportunity to increase their English skills through EMLS courses offered free of charge to them. The program unfortunately does not have the capacity to fund student conference travel, which the students could greatly benefit from.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at abel.guzman@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

Sincerely,



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