Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

I still remember the first day of the medical assisting program when you made us all introduce ourselves and give our story about why we wanted to become medical assistants. I remember saying that medical assisting was my stepping stone into gaining some of the clinical experience needed for physician assistant school. Well I am happy to report that my aspiration of becoming a PA is now becoming a reality. I want to thank you for helping me on this journey. I also want to thank the AltaMed Medical Assisting Pipeline Program because without it, I would not have been able to take your course.

Thank you for countless hours spent on teaching us how to do EKGs, vitals, U/As and many other skills. It is through your teaching that I was able to apply those skills in a clinical setting during my externship. Soon after externship, I was fortunate enough to receive employment at that very same clinic. I know these skills have not only served me well as a medical assistant but will continue to do so as I continue my medical education.

Thank you for believing in me and writing my letter of recommendation for PA school. I now have the opportunity to choose from two great programs – Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science and Keck School of Medicine of USC - who have granted me admission. After careful consideration I have decided to begin my medical professional career at USC's Keck School of Medicine. Thank you for being an inspiration. As a PA graduate, you could be in many places right now. However, you have dedicated yourself to serving your community and are passionate about the work you do teaching.

I hope to look back in a couple years and think back to the great experiences I had during my medical assistant education. I hope that I can channel as much excitement and enthusiasm into the PA profession as I have seen from you. Without a doubt I will give PA school my best shot and I hope to make you proud. I know it will require an intense amount of concentration, dedication, and motivation but I am ready to put in the work. Thank you for everything Mr. G!

All the best.

Brenda Nava

