



January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**RE: Recommendation of Javier Urias for the  
Outstanding Practitioner Advisor Award**

Dear Awards Selection Committee,

I am pleased to nominate Javier Urias for the Outstanding Practitioner Advisor Award.

Javier is one of our newer University Outreach committee members, but his contributions over the past two years have led to his nomination for this award. The University Outreach team has continuously proved their profound impact on students by being a two-time awardee for Outstanding Support of Student Chapters by ASCE Society's Western Region and Javier's contributions directly coincide with the award.

Prior to graduating Cal State Fullerton, Javier was very involved in student clubs such as ASCE and the Associated General Contractors of California. During this time, he built a repour with his fellow students as well as the faculty. These relationships led him to being selected as the Cal State Fullerton (CSUF) 2021 Practitioner Advisor. This role became very significant during the fiscal year due to an unexpected collapse in student chapter leadership. University students transitioned to "Zoom university" during the pandemic which caused an initial decrease in the CSUF ASCE membership so the absence of ASCE leadership created an at-risk challenge for the chapter's success. Over several months, Javier worked closely with the faculty advisor and new executive board to get them back on track to being an active chapter again. These efforts have been recognized by the University Outreach team and the entire YMF. We are extremely grateful to Javier's dedication to the students and health of the student chapter.

Javier's involvement in ASCE has helped shape his academic career and early professional development. He wants to ensure the same opportunities for future students, so he continually shares his experiences with hopes of impacting students' lives and their family's future. With that mindset, Javier has continued his involvement with ASCE Orange County by joining the ASCE OC University Outreach team and holding positions as CSUF liaison and practitioner advisor. Javier plans to continue making an impact with the local and global community through his work with ASCE and the civil engineering industry.

I am honored to recommend Javier as a nominee for the ASCE OC 2022 Outstanding Practitioner Advisor Award. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (714) 598-7102 or [melissah.asce@gmail.com](mailto:melissah.asce@gmail.com).

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Hilsabeck".

Melissa Hilsabeck, E.I.T.  
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