

Finalist Congratulations and Letter of Recommendation - 2026



To: Josue Collado

The **NASA HUNCH's** (High School Students United with **NASA** to Create Hardware, BIO Medical and Software) mission is designed to empower and inspire students through a hands-on, work-based, Project-Based Learning program. This initiative allows high school students to acquire 21st-century skills while contributing directly to **NASA's** mission by designing and developing professional-level computer software (Programming and AI) and Computer Hardware. By participating in these groundbreaking projects, students not only gain invaluable experience but also have the opportunity to work on real-world challenges that support the **Moon to Mars Mission**, the International Space Station (**ISS**), and other **NASA** programs.

NASA HUNCH is proud to recognize Josue Collado for their participation in the Software, creating working solutions for the Soft - * DSLM - Supply Chain - Inventory System project within the **NASA HUNCH** from STISD Science Academy under the guidance of your teacher Sylvia Odoms and the **NASA** Program Manager, Michael Hayes. The National Software Program focuses on solving critical issues in software development that support **NASA's** exploration goals, including the creation of innovative tools, simulations, and applications to assist astronauts and mission control teams. Your hard work, dedication, and innovative thinking have been critical to advancing the goals of space exploration and inspiring the next generation of space pioneers.

We would like to personally thank you for your outstanding contribution and commitment to excellence during your time in the **NASA HUNCH** National Software Program. Your enthusiasm, problem-solving skills, and ability to work collaboratively in a team environment are qualities that will serve you well in your future endeavors. By working on this project, you have developed a solid foundation in software development, teamwork, and critical thinking skills that make you a valuable asset to any academic or professional setting.



Letter of Recommendation - NASA HUNCH INTERN

It is with great pleasure Josue Collado that we also recognize your role as an Intern with **NASA HUNCH** from **September 2025 through April 2026**. During this time, you demonstrated exceptional dedication, professionalism, and initiative in supporting the National Software Program. As an intern, you contributed to projects that required high-level technical skills, creativity, and an ability to adapt to complex challenges.

Your participation as an intern has equipped you with experiences that are rare for students at the high school level. Beyond your technical contributions, you consistently exemplified the values of teamwork, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence. Your ability to collaborate effectively with peers and mentors, solve problems under pressure, and deliver high-quality work reflects your potential for success in any future academic or professional pursuit.

Please use this letter as a reference to showcase your abilities and accomplishments for future educational opportunities, internships, scholarships, or employment. Your participation in **NASA HUNCH** and your internship experience are a testament to your passion for learning, technical competence, and dedication to making meaningful contributions to software and space exploration.

NASA HUNCH is honored to have had you as part of this program, and we are confident that your skills and experiences will continue to serve you well in all your future endeavors.

Thanks, and God Bless

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Sincerely

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