**Standard 10**

**Advocating for Underrepresented Students**

An effective school counselor advocates for every student regardless of race, legal status, and socio-economic background. In this case, pursing an education after high school is the dream of many students that unfortunately cannot get the type of financial aid U.S citizens and residents are entitled to. For this reason, when I had the opportunity to nominate a student for the Gertrude Jackson Memorial Fund Scholarship I immediately thought of an amazing undocumented student that is a leader in the community. He was a student from my case load that was part of the advocacy project I carried out with the 9th graders. The eligibility was financial need, motivation, goals, and college choice. He definitely met all the criteria.