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REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE TO SERVE AS A POLL WORKER

Dear Professor,

Fall 2024 Term

MDC has joined forces with the Miami-Dade Department of Elections to encourage MDC students to serve as poll workers for the November 5th, 2024 election. The County needs to recruit 5,000 poll workers to staff 529 polling precincts. Poll workers are essential to our democracy and help ensure that elections are run efficiently and safely. Students who serve as a poll worker must attend a 4-hour training, help set up their polling place on the afternoon of Monday, November 4th, and then serve all day at their assigned polling place on Tuesday, November 5th from 5:30 am - ~9 pm. You can learn more about MDC's collegewide initiative by visiting www.mdc.edu/vote and click on the ***Be A Paid Poll Worker*** Tab.

Students who work as a poll worker, in addition to helping our democracy, earn a \$200 stipend, build their resumes, gain experience, see first hand the inner workings of our democracy, earn 23 volunteer hours and 15 points on MDC's Civic Action Scorecard, and build their resume and transfer applications.

The purpose of this letter is to a) inform you that your student has signed up to be a poll worker, and b) to respectfully request that he/she be given an excused absence and be allowed to make up any work they miss as they fulfil their poll worker obligations.

If you have any questions or need further verification, please contact me via email at mlau@mdc.edu or call Josh Young at 305-237-7477.

Thank you for considering this request and for allowing your student to have this powerful civic experience.

Sincerely,

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