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Dear Evaluation Committee:

I wish to recommend Kenia Calderon as a nominee for the Forty Under 40 Recognition, as she is a passionate leader, change agent and role model for our community.

I have known Kenia since she was a participant of the Latina Leadership Initiative of Greater Des Moines in 2015. Kenia has since worked at Coopera in a variety of capacities and most recently as a client support specialist. Kenia is a young professional who is a native of El Salvador and a Drake University graduate. She was named one of the 15 People to Watch in 2015 by the Des Moines Register and has accomplished more than many individuals at her age. Kenia exemplifies the values of a servant leader and leads with integrity and passion. She is well regarded by the community and has been recognized locally and nationally for her advocacy efforts, publications and leadership.

Kenia is actively involved in the community and is a passionate advocate for immigrant rights. You can often find Kenia rallying the community in support of issues affecting Dreamers and the immigrant community at large, as well as educating and informing the public about the contributions of the immigrant community. Kenia is devoted to her family, she is driven by cause-related efforts and she works to help organizations better serve the Hispanic community every day through her work at Coopera. I look forward to working for Kenia some day as she continues to grow in her career.

I consider Kenia a friend, a role model for all young women and in particular, minority women and I strongly urge you to consider Kenia Calderon as a nominee for the Forty Under 40 Recognition.

Sincerely,

Miriam De Dios Woodward
CEO,
Coopera