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Letter of Recommendation: Adrian Miller

The staff at USDA Food and Nutrition Service Mountain Plains Regional Office in Denver, Colorado, highly recommend Mr. Adrian Miller, the “Soul Food Scholar,” as a speaker on the fascinating topic of the history of soul food.

Mr. Miller spoke to our employees in February 2013, serving as the kickoff event for our celebration of African American History month.

Following the event, numerous employees approached the organizers to say how much they enjoyed the presentation. One director said it “opened his mind” to thinking more about the origins of food. Another staff member asked and gained valuable information about how he, too, could become a barbecue judge like Mr. Miller. Many said they’d love to hear Mr. Miller speak again.

Staff commented not only about how interesting the topic was, but also on Mr. Miller’s warm and comedic style. He drew the audience in, and elicited frequent laughter. A group of people gathered around him following the talk to say hello or ask questions.

While everyone enjoyed the presentation, it appeared that people who were either from or had spent time in the South were particularly excited to hear about places that Mr. Miller had visited and foods he had tried.

Mr. Miller was very knowledgeable on his subject, and made a strong impression on the staff at Food and Nutrition Service – and we know about food!

We’d highly recommend Mr. Miller as a speaker on any of the topics he offers.

Sincerely,

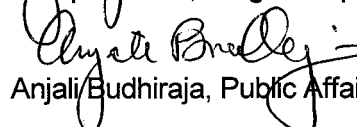

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