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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Sarina Naik for scholarship assistance as she pursues a graduate degree in health education. Sarina is one of multiple graduate assistants that I supervise at Texas A&M University. During the time that I have known Sarina she has demonstrated not only superior academic knowledge, but also perseverance, leadership, and a dedication to complete tasks fully and on time.

Sarina started working on the Victims of Crimes (VOCA) grant project during the 2019-2020 school year. Although the work on this new project was impacted by COVID-19, Sarina continued to complete tasks and engage in a meaningful way during virtual team meetings. She has demonstrated great leadership and perseverance during this most stressful and difficult time in our country's history by mentoring undergraduate students interning on the VOCA grant, as well as student volunteers. One of the noteworthy attributes of Sarina is that she leads by example. She actively seeks out ways to serve the project and is often the person that other students (undergraduate – PhD level graduate students) look to for direction, encouragement and support.

Dedication to completing tasks is one of Sarina's most admirable qualities. She is quick to fulfill all commitments and is never tempted to accept second best from herself. She eagerly sets goals and realistic timelines for accomplishments that serve as her guide in multitasking to meet deadlines. She is also able to be self-directed. Sarina monitors and reflects on her work product on a continuous basis that adds value to the team and the project.

Yet, more than anything else, Sarina's positive attitude and maturity shines in everything that she does. She rarely sees a situation where the glass is half empty or even half full, but rather always looks at a situation as one where there is tremendous potential to be full.

This "can do" attitude is contagious and spreads to everyone who comes in contact with her. Sarina Naik is not only deserving of your consideration for this award, but she is also the perfect choice to exemplify a model health educator for today and the future.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 979-777-9940.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dawn Marie Baletka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dawn" being the most prominent.

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