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Dear Awards Committee Members:

I am offering strong support of the application of Kaitlynn McIntyre, who is applying for the Dr Becky J Smith Scholarship. Kaitlynn is an active student at Ball State University with a GPA exceeding 3.0. I have known Kaitlynn for about a year and have had the pleasure of working with her during her time as Vice President of our Alpha Chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma, of which I am a Faculty Co-Advisor. During this time, Kaitlynn has distinguished herself as a diligent, competent, and responsible student who is an exceptional leader and role model for our chapter.

Throughout her membership and leadership position in Eta Sigma Gamma, Kaitlynn has demonstrated that she is a reliable, thoughtful, and professional individual. She is consistently "ahead of the game" when it comes to notifying her chapter about events, and she is such an innovative thinker relative to potential mechanisms for expanding our chapter's reach. During her pre-initiation time, Kaitlynn was actively involved in a number of ESG-campus health programming efforts, including Operation Jungle Red (our partner violence awareness week), cold and flu prevention tabling, and sexual health awareness activities. Kaitlynn is highly interested in serving as an advocate for low resource populations, and she was recently awarded a scholarship to participate as part of the virtual advocacy summit coordinated by SOPHE. As Kaitlynn noted in a recent email exchange with me, "Not only have I been able to advocate, but I have learned that although we are unable to reach everyone in terms of health behaviors, those one or two people we do impact are exactly why we continue to do what we do and educate." She further, "I believe that I have been through so much personal growth and that I want to make an impact on others the way health educators in my life have impacted me."

Amidst her academic achievement, Kaitlynn is highly valued across the department. She is frequently in the offices of faculty talking about topics from class and areas where her help could be afforded. I can always count on Kaitlynn to independently conduct our chapter meetings when the president and/or faculty sponsors are unable to attend. She is professional in her communication, yet friendly to our newest members. She is such an admirable leader.

Kaitlynn is a premier candidate for reception of the award. I look forward to seeing how she develops throughout her professional career and I know that she will have a tremendously positive impact on her community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (765) 418- 3737.

Sincerely,

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