



December 1, 2020

Dear Selection Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Ms. Angelic “Angie” Floyd for the Dr. Mary K. Beyer Graduate Student Scholarship. As one of her course instructors and as the faculty advisor for the Alpha Nu chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma (ESG), I have had the opportunity to witness the many talents of Ms. Floyd and I believe she is well deserving of such a prestigious award. Currently, Angie is a second year MPH student at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. As a graduate student she remains dedicated to her studies, having a 3.85 GPA.

Angie is a class example of what a successful graduate student looks like and serves as a role model to graduate students in her cohort. She recently served as panelist for a panel discussion on the topic of graduate school and MPH studies. When asked what tips or suggestions she had for future graduate students, Angie replied “get involved with professional development and networking opportunities and build connections with your colleagues and professors.” Angie personally practices her own advice. Even as a full-time nurse and graduate student, Angie has participated in extracurricular activities and professional development opportunities to enhance her public health education skills. Angie is an active member of the North Carolina Public Health Association (NCPHA) and was the 2019 Recipient of the Dr. Joy F. Reed Leadership in Public Health Nursing Scholarship. In 2020, she also participated in the NCPHA Virtual Fall Education Conference and served as a judge of the podium presentations. Angie remains active in her community and volunteers as a nurse health educator for Students Committed to Retaining Unlimited Bedside Skills in Health Care Program (SCRUBS), a program that engages high school students at Northeast Guilford High School located in McLeansville, NC with an interest in healthcare. As an exemplar student, our department’s Graduate Program Committee, recognized Ms. Floyd as a student who “Promotes Public Health”.

Additionally, Angie is a dedicated and active member of ESG and serves as our chapter secretary. It is in this capacity I have witnessed Angie’s leadership and organizational skills. Our chapter has greatly benefited from Angie’s creativity, organizational skills and collegial spirit. What I admire most about Ms. Floyd is her dedication to her studies and community engagement, even in the midst of challenges that typically occur when having to balance the responsibilities of work, school and family. Despite it all, Ms. Floyd is someone that many would describe as a reliable, resilient, and committed nurse and public health education professional. Her passion for and dedication to community health is why I, without hesitation, strongly recommend her for this scholarship. I hope that the selection committee will agree. Please contact me by email at edpayton@uncg.edu if I can provide any additional information.

Respectfully,

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