



Nov. 30, 2020

Re: Undergraduate Recommendation for Becky J. Smith Scholarship

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of Destiny A. Hayes. She is one of the most outstanding students in our Department of Public Health Education, and very deserving of your Becky J. Smith Undergraduate Student Scholarship!

She is a full-time student earning her Bachelor's Degree in Public Health Education with a concentration in Community Health Education. She is also double-minoring in (1) Human Development and Family Studies, and (2) Information Technology. Given this ambitious educational track, she currently holds an overall GPA of 3.38 (with a GPA of 3.73 in her major). This demonstrates how I know her to operate on a personal level.

I first met Destiny when she introduced herself to me at a Health Education professional conference, which many of our students attended. I appreciated her friendly approach and professional demeanor.

Currently, Destiny is a student in my course this Fall 2020 semester titled, *Public Health and Healthcare Systems in the United States*. Additionally, she took the initiative to enroll in the Disciplinary Honors Program, which means she had to complete a special honors project in my class. Under my direct supervision, I observed her active participation in our bimonthly planning committee meetings. Destiny volunteered to serve as our marketing coordinator, partnership developer, and organizational liaison for the event we were planning. I am co-chairing our Department's "Voices for Reproductive Justice" Symposium Planning Committee, and we decided to plan a virtual community-university event titled, "NC Reproductive Justice & Health Policy Advocacy Panel." This event was organized to be student-led, and it featured guest speakers who were researchers, activists, and politicians (for example, NC Senator Don Davis attended). Destiny was the undergraduate student liaison between our Honors planning committee and our larger Department Planning Committee.

I was impressed with Destiny's work ethic, dedication, and creativity in her role in these collaborative planning spaces. She single-handedly developed the marketing flyer for the event, secured the partnership with Eta Sigma Gamma (our Public Health Honor Society), developed the evaluation survey for the event, and delivered the evaluation results to our larger planning committee. Her work demonstrates her passion, scholarship, creativity, and collaborative skills.

She is the kind of student you would want to invest in so that she can continue to climb and open doors for others. She is also an example of a young woman who manages her personal life with her educational life with humanity, skill, and organization.

I highly recommend her to be a recipient of your scholarship. Please contact me if you have any further questions via email at <cmyeongue@uncg.edu> .

Respectfully,

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