



November 8, 2021

Re: Janae Alexander

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter in the highest support for the Dr. Mary Beyrer Graduate Student Scholarship letter of support for Ms. Janae Alexander to be considered recipient. She is a second-year doctoral student who began her degree program in Health Education in Fall 2020 in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Alexander earned her Bachelor of Science from Central Michigan University in Community Health and a minor in Substance Abuse Education. In addition, Janae received her Master of Public Health from Central Michigan University.

Ms. Alexander has been an active member of Eta Sigma Gamma since her years at Central Michigan University. She held many executive board positions within Eta Sigma Gamma. These positions include Vice President of the Education Chair (2017-2018), Secretary (2019-2020), and Membership Chair (2019-2020) while attending Central Michigan University. Ms. Alexander continued with her leadership as a doctoral student at Texas A&M University as Vice President for Research Chair. In addition, Ms. Alexander was elected as National Board of Trustees for the Society of Public Health Educators.

Ms. Alexander's research interests are in understanding the socio-ecology of health disparities, specifically in health's social and behavioral determinants. Ms. Alexander's research and professional experiences include working as an intern at the Saginaw County Health Department, where she developed an arbovirus response communication plan for mosquito control. In addition, Janae was a Project Intern at the Dow Bay Area Family YMCA, where she created and implemented the first nutrition education for community gardens. She presented original research at the Great Lakes Chapter Society of Public Health Educators (SOPHE) Conference and the Caribbean Public Health Conference within the past year. Janae is committed to health disparities among emerging adults and college-age students. Ms. Alexander has proven herself as an upcoming scholar with her impressive number of publications as a second-year doctoral student. Currently, Ms. Alexander has authored and co-authored four articles and ten presentations. In addition to her academic qualifications, research, and professional experiences, Ms.

Alexander shows excellent potential for impacting in health disparities research. It is quite evident that Janae can actively engage in research and make meaningful contributions. I am honored to provide this letter of support and hope you will give her application full consideration for the Dr. Mary Beyrer Graduate Student Scholarship. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Idethia Shevon Harvey', with a stylized, flowing script.

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