



December 2, 2022

RE: Heidi Weber, application for Mary K. Beyrer Graduate Student Scholarship

Scholarship Committee:

I am writing to recommend Heidi Weber for the Mary K. Beyrer Graduate Student Scholarship. I have known Heidi since she applied to our RDH to BSDH Degree program nine years ago. I know her quite well. In addition to being her advisor, mentor, and teacher, Heidi traveled to Guatemala with me four years ago as part of the study abroad program offered through the DH4533 Oral Health Worldview course I teach. I was so impressed with her during the trip to Guatemala, I reached out to her to join our study abroad trip to Peru three years ago. Each of the trips have involved providing dental hygiene care to children and youth. Heidi has always been professional and compassionate. She demonstrated strong leadership skills as she helped with the clinics and worked with the other students. In Peru, she served as a group leader. I found her to be passionate about dental hygiene. She loves to serve and help others. In addition to the two trips to Guatemala and Peru, Heidi has gone on at least three other dental hygiene mission trips and plans to continue this practice. In fact, in January she will be going with me to Antigua, Guatemala as part of an optional assignment in the HS5723 Healthcare in a Culture of Poverty course she is taking. The two of us will work with 250 impoverished children at Asociacion Nuestros Ahijados (ANA) a subsidiary of The God's Child Project.

Heidi is always looking for ways to expand her knowledge and experiences as evidenced by her decision to attend graduate school. Heidi served as a soldier in the US Army where she learned self-discipline, responsibility, work ethic, time management, and goal setting. As a result, Heidi is a strong student. While in the RDH to BSDH Degree program she maintained a high GPA and made the Dean's list each semester. Her assignment submissions were of high quality. She put more thought, time, and effort into her assignments than other students. She is currently doing well in the three graduate courses she is taking this semester.

Please consider Heidi Weber for the Mary K. Beyrer Graduate Student Scholarship. She is well deserving of the scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Leslie Koberna'.

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