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To whom it may concern,

As an Associate Instructor at the University of North Florida, I have had the pleasure of teaching Ms. Duna Calixte in my undergraduate Professional Preparation in Public Health course. Duna has been an excellent student on the Dean's list every semester, and has successfully secured an internship with the UF Health Lucy Gooding Pediatric Neurosurgery Research Center for Spring 2023. She has volunteered extensively for health education and service activities with the UNF Eta Sigma Gamma Health Education Honor Society and the Prevention Coalition of St. Johns County and was recently selected for the Florida Blue Minority Scholars Award. The Florida Blue Minority Scholars Program is a minority student mentoring initiative to increase the representation of ethnic minority public health professionals in leadership positions in a wide variety of disciplines in the public health field. With Duna's dedication to public health service and health education, and her commitment to leadership roles in our honor society, she truly stood out from her peers to be selected for the minority scholars program.

I have known Duna for two years and she has always been motivated, taken initiative, and is an overall kind, caring person. During Fall 2022, she had a 3.79 overall GPA in our health education degree program. In Spring 2023, she will be a graduating senior. She has dedicated her time while at UNF to service activities with Eta Sigma Gamma, Circle K International, the Prevention Coalition of St. Johns County, and the UNF Black Student Union. She has excellent leadership and health education presentation skills, and has worked exceptionally well with her peers.

Ms. Calixte's career goal is to become a nurse specializing in OB/GYN to provide health education to help improve maternal outcomes for underprivileged women. I wholeheartedly recommend Ms. Duna Calixte for the Becky J. Smith Scholarship. Her dedication to health education initiatives, her warm personality and academic excellence make her a strong candidate for your scholarship, and I'm sure that she'll be an exemplary health education professional in the in the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (904)608-2952 or d.owen@unf.edu.

Sincerely,

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