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Ann E. Nolte Writing Award Committee:

With this letter I am nominating a special issue of the Health Education Monograph Series, 39(1), "Special Issue on COVID-19 Projects and Research from Eta Sigma Gamma Chapters" published by Eta Sigma Gamma National Health Education Honorary in 2022, to be considered for the prestigious Ann E. Nolte Writing Award. This issue was edited by three faculty/ESG advisor guest editors (Robert Bensley, Jodi Brookins-Fisher, Amos Aduora) and one ESG student chapter member (Rebekah Bensley). What makes this issue specifically worthy of this award is that is the culmination of student related papers and projects that took place during the COVID-19 lockdown, where universities had gone to an online format and both faculty and students had to adapt to the new structure while still performing at high levels. The students who engaged in these projects took it upon themselves to go above and beyond, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic adversity, to ensure their commitment to furthering the ideals of and practices in health education did not get swallowed up during the pandemic discourse. As faculty, ESG members, and ESG advisors and mentors, we are proud of what the 18 students across 8 universities/ESG chapters were able to accomplish. From a health education student's perspective, this issue is a major contribution to the health education profession, as it is students who will become the next leaders that move the profession forward. As editors we are representing this group of dedicated students and encourage you to considered selecting this issue as being worthy of this award. If awarded, the funds will be evenly split between the eight ESG chapters (\$125 each) from which the student authors were associated with, to be used to continue promoting student-led health education development and activities.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Bensley, PhD, MCHES Professor and Public Health Program Director National Eta Sigma Gamma President

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