

Brooks College of Health Department of Public Health

Dr. Mary K. Beyrer Graduate Student Scholarship

Thursday, November 9, 203

Dear Review Committee,

I'm delighted to endorse Rawya Obeidat's application for the Dr. Mary K. Beyrer Graduate Student Scholarship. My association with Rawya dates back to the fall of 2022 when I had the privilege of being her instructor in the Public Health Leadership and Management course at the Brooks College of Health.

Throughout the course, Rawya exhibited a commendable commitment to personal development, consistently surpassing assignment expectations to acquire skills and knowledge for her future in public health. As a graduate student in the Public Health program, Rawya boasts an impressive <u>overall GPA of 3.87</u>, reflecting her dedication to higher education.

In her pursuit of knowledge and skills for a career in public health, Rawya demonstrated traits such as intellectual curiosity, resourcefulness, the ability to thrive under pressure, and a proactive approach to taking initiative. She is a self-directed and independent learner who also excels as a collaborative team member, earning trust among her peers.

I have personally witnessed Rawya's rational decision-making, tactful and constructive interpersonal interactions, and her respect for others. Additionally, her strong communication skills, as highlighted in her application, further strengthens her candidacy.

I have full confidence that Rawya will represent the Dr. Mary K. Beyrer Graduate Student Scholarship admirably. Please feel free to contact me at rhigang.xie@unf.edu if you require additional information to support Rawya's application.

Sincerely,

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