

Department of Public Health Education

November 28, 2023

RE: Letter of recommendation for Raylyn Norwood

To Whom It May Concern:

I enthusiastically recommend Raylyn Norwood for the Dr. Becky J. Smith Scholarship through the Foundation for the Advancement of Health Education. I am an Assistant Professor in Public Health Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG), where Raylyn is a Senior, completing our BS in Health Studies. Her current GPA in the program is 3.53, and her current average in the Gender and Health course that I am teaching is over 100% (which is possible because she has received extra credit, while also attaining a perfect score on nearly all assignments in the class so far). Throughout the Gender and Health course, Raylyn has demonstrated deep engagement with the weekly materials and course assignments, including weekly reflections, peer group discussions, a midterm assignment, and the steps leading up to the final assignment (due next week). Raylyn's weekly and midterm assignments were thoughtful and well-written, demonstrating a deep engagement with the materials and meaningful application of difficult topics. In her reflections, Raylyn sometimes included questions when she wanted to learn more about a topic; this highlights her commitment to learning, especially around issues related to gender and other social identities. Through her reflections and assignments, Raylyn has expressed a passion for and strong commitment to public health and social justice.

In summary, Raylyn is an excellent candidate for the Dr. Becky J. Smith Scholarship. I welcome the opportunity to discuss Raylyn's qualifications further. Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 201-341-9291 or by email at tgoldenberg@uncg.edu.

Sincerely.

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