

To: The Selection Committee

From: Brian Williamson

Instructor, Computer Information Science Department Spelman College

RE: Recommendation for Jerika Harris – Hezekiah Brady, JR. Scholarship

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am delighted to write this letter in support of Jerika Harris's application for the Hezekiah Brady, JR. Scholarship. As her instructor in the CIS 105 course at Spelman College, I have had the pleasure of working with Jerika and have witnessed her outstanding academic performance, leadership qualities, and unwavering commitment to her community. Jerika is a dedicated student currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences at Spelman College, maintaining a strong GPA of 3.03. She is an Ethel Waddell Githii Honors Program Scholar and a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society and the National Council of Negro Women. She is also involved in Sister's Chapel Movements of Praise Liturgical Dance, further demonstrating her commitment to enriching the campus and her personal development.

Jerika's work experience includes her time as an Administrative Office Assistant with the City of Kankakee Environmental Services. There, she played a key role in helping the city recover over \$40,000 by using her Excel skills to complete invoices, as well as assisting with budget tracking and managing critical documents. Jerika's administrative skills extend to her role as a Tutor/Student Mentor with Kankakee Highschool's Youth Empowerment Program, where she provided valuable mentorship to at-risk students, fostering resilience and academic achievement. As well as extending herself while at Spelman college, becoming a SpelReads reading guide, where she aided there mission of enhancing the reading skills of students impacted by an underserved community.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Jerika has been recognized for her academic excellence and leadership. She is a recipient of multiple scholarships, including the Zeta Career Academy Scholar, African American Civic Scholar, Goldman Sachs Scholarship, and C.R.A.F.T. Foundation Scholar. These honors reflect her dedication to academic success, personal growth, and her commitment to community service. What stands out most about Jerika, however, is her dedication to giving back to her community. She has volunteered with numerous organizations, such as Urban Recipe,

Achieve M.O.O.R.E, and the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Her passion for serving others is inspiring, and she connects deeply with the mission of the C.R.A.F.T. Foundation. Jerika understands the value of academic excellence and higher education, especially as someone who has grown up in an underserved and underdeveloped community. She sees the C.R.A.F.T. Foundation's mission of turning struggle into strength as a guiding principle for her own future in nursing.

Jerika has a bright future ahead of her, and I wholeheartedly support her application for the Hezekiah Brady, JR. Scholarship. Her academic achievements, leadership, and commitment to community service make her an ideal candidate for this scholarship. I am confident that Jerika will use this opportunity to further her education and continue making meaningful contributions to her community.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Williamson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Williamson
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