Dear Mr. Skipworth and Scholarship Committee,

I am honored to write this recommendation for Abbie Bortz, an exceptional candidate for the ISACA Charlotte Chapter Scholarship. As her professor and current mentor, I have had the opportunity to observe Abbie's impressive academic and professional growth both in the classroom and as my teaching assistant this semester. Her commitment to excellence, combined with her technical acumen and natural leadership, make her a remarkable asset to the technology field and an outstanding choice for this scholarship.

In my course, Abbie stood out from the beginning. Her analytical abilities, combined with a strong technical foundation, allowed her to consistently produce work of the highest quality. Her insights into complex topics went beyond expectations, demonstrating not only a mastery of the material but also a capacity for applying knowledge in innovative ways. As my teaching assistant, Abbie has been invaluable, going above and beyond to support students with a collaborative and empathetic approach. Her role in fostering a productive learning environment has made a measurable difference in the class's overall success and cohesion.

Abbie's career trajectory is equally impressive. I had the privilege of mentoring her through a competitive recruitment process, resulting in a job offer at Truist, where she was one of only six selected from over 6,000 applicants. This achievement reflects her dedication, resilience, and the respect she commands among industry professionals. Abbie has a clear vision for her future, which includes using her skills to advance ethical and impactful technology solutions. She has shown that she not only possesses the technical abilities to excel but also the integrity and foresight to lead.

This scholarship would be instrumental in supporting Abbie as she completes her studies and begins her professional journey. I am confident that her contributions to the technology sector will mirror the values of ISACA, and she will bring a positive, forward-thinking influence to the organization. It is my pleasure to offer her my highest recommendation for this scholarship.

Thank you for considering this exceptional candidate.

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