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Re: Precious Abayesu

To Whom It May Concern:

When I initially met Precious, I was impressed by her organizational skills, patient demeanor, and friendly personality. Right from the start, I could tell she was very motivated, eager to learn new things, and always willing to go above what was expected of her. In addition to being a top-notch student, she has been very involved in a variety of different committees, volunteer groups, and leadership teams. She is a very important leader within the Mentoring Committee of the Dean's Leadership Council.

Since our initial meeting, I have gotten to know Precious very well. This is mainly because Precious is always one of the first people to sign up for any requests for volunteers. Not only does she show up and provide wonderful help, but she has become one of the students that others look to for guidance. My position at Virginia Tech gives me the opportunity to work closely with many students. Precious is, by far, one of the most amazing people that I have met. Not only is she reliable and dedicated, but she also gets the job done with a smile. I am happy to provide you with examples that show her "can do" attitude and professionalism. I could write an entire novel on how fantastic she is, so I will try to keep this as brief as possible.

This past year, the College of Science decided to start a mentoring program for our incoming transfer students due to feedback from past students. We knew that this would be a large task since this was something we had never done before. We hand-picked several students that were already members of the Dean's Leadership Council to spearhead this project. Precious was one of those students. It became obvious from the start that we had chosen the perfect team for this project. Precious, as well as her team, put in hours of meticulous planning over the summer in order to kick off the mentoring program with our fall semester transfer students. The mentoring program was not just a success, but was absolutely life-changing for the students that they mentored. They empowered their mentors to be great leaders, while also successfully welcoming a large group of transfer students into our community. I could not be more proud of Precious and the work that she has done to help others.

Precious also has helped in providing shadow days for prospective students. This is a program where a high school student gets to shadow one of our current students for the day. Precious has been very helpful with these guests also. These days require the host to take the student to class, show them around campus, and take them to lunch at the dining hall. Precious is always professional and friendly.

People like Precious are hard to come by, and I feel very fortunate to have gotten to know her over the past few years. She is a hardworking, top-performing student with remarkable leadership skills. She takes

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initiative in helping the College at every possible opportunity, and also provides phenomenal ideas to help us recruit and maintain the best students possible. She has my highest recommendation, and I am happy to furnish more details if you would like additional information.

Sincerely,



Charlotte Parks
Academic Advisor & Recruiter