



Letter of Recommendation – *SEAHO Founders Award*

November 24, 2008

Dear members of the selection committee:

I have been asked to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of **Dr. David P. Jones'** candidacy for the *SEAHO Founders Award*. I have known David since 2000, and worked with him directly for 5 years when we were both Assistant Directors of Residential Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It gives me great pleasure to write this letter in support of David's nomination for this award.

I know that David has met the minimum qualifications for this award, serving as a housing professional in the region, serving the organization with distinction (including a term as President), and making lasting contributions to the organization and the profession. What I believe sets David apart – and makes him an ideal candidate for this award – is that he represents the next generation of leadership in housing and student affairs work.

David has demonstrated a firm understanding of the “bricks-and-mortar” work of a housing professional, specifically from work he was involved with at Chapel Hill and spearheading a housing development plan at the University of Alabama. His involvement in the programmatic aspects of residential education in the evolving framework of higher education is also impressive. Long a proponent of the Student Learning Imperative, he has actively developed several living/learning programs. He was chosen to serve on the SACS accreditation team for the University of Richmond in the spring of 2008. I can tell you from firsthand experience and from feedback I received from others here that David made an amazing impression. He was regarded by the people on our campus as the member of the visiting team that was the “toughest grader” and had the most substantive feedback. His attention to our Quality Enhancement Program – a sophomore living/learning initiative – provided us with feedback which has made our program stronger for his involvement. This is not a new thing for David...frequently the projects he is involved with get better because of his insight.

Even with all I have mentioned, I think David's greatest contribution to the region and the profession is his desire to mentor and develop young professionals. He actively works to “grow” the profession, and is seen by many as an outstanding role model for our young professionals to emulate. I believe that Dr. David P. Jones would be an outstanding representative of SEAHO, and is certainly deserving of the SEAHO Founders Award. My hope is that after reviewing his nomination packet you will agree with me and honor his work with this significant token. Thank you for your time and attention, and I wish you good luck with your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Boehman".

Joseph Boehman, Ed.D.
Dean of Richmond College