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To SEAHO Scholarship review team:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for **Ms. LaToya Eaves** for the SEAHO Conference Scholarship 2009. LaToya is a hard working individual who has a passion for working with students. From her sorority to her passion to educate others on issues of leadership development, diversity and multiculturalism, LaToya is an advocate and educator on multiple levels.

As a part of her Community Director responsibilities, LaToya serves as the advisor for Craige Community Government. She has worked to develop these young leaders into strong citizens of and for their community. I have seen the Craige community come together to serve the social needs of the organization and represent the students of the community, even without a community governor at the beginning of this academic year. Her continued work with student leaders as well as her service as national president for the multicultural sorority, Theta Nu Xi, has helped her to become a more effective and efficient leader and advisor throughout her time at Carolina.

We offer a three-credit hour course for our peer leaders in our department. We needed instructors and LaToya was one of the first to volunteer for this additional responsibility. Passionate about LGBTIQ issues, LaToya not only wanted to learn more about such issues but wanted to educate others. As a result, she worked to become a campus educator this past Fall. LaToya also serves as a member of our department's Health and Wellness Committee, as well as a member of the Women's Week team for the university. She works well with others to fulfill the desired outcomes for these committees. She helps to promote their initiatives and appropriately challenge the process of student learning.

We have many new community directors throughout our department this year. As a returner, we challenged LaToya to be a strong personal presence with our staff teams, to be a good role model, to challenge staff members to be ethical and upstanding citizens of this campus community. Due to her persistence, I believe we have a happier, stronger and more positive team.

LaToya not only works to make her community successful but also works to enrich her learning to impact the development of others. In November, she participated in the North Carolina College Personnel Association (NCCPA) conference to present information on working with graduate students and new professionals. On a related note, LaToya realized she was merely two classes shy of completing another bachelor's degree. Although she had already acquired a master's degree, she loved literature, classes were being offered she enjoyed so why not complete this last phase. Not only did LaToya receive another degree to add to her growing list of experiences. Through group projects, she acquired the insider's edge about working with today's traditional undergraduate students and discovered more about the non-traditional student perspective in such environments.

Through all these pursuits, LaToya still is able to establish balance and purpose in her life. I admire her for her drive and strength to overcome the challenges of the job, life and her academic pursuits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry M. Hicks".

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