## School of Education

## CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

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To SEAHO Awards & Recognition Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for the nomination of Bryan Botts to be considered for the SEAHO Graduate Student of the Year award. I have known Bryan as a student in my courses and as an active student affairs member in our area for the past 1 ½ years.

If asked to describe Bryan Botts I would use words such as dedicated, committed, highly motivated, conscientious, energetic, and caring. This young professional has demonstrated the accuracy of these descriptors through his activities as a graduate assistant at Clemson University, as a student in his Masters program, and as an active member in several student affairs organizations.

Bryan demonstrates the traits of a true professional not only by the quality of his day-to-day work, but also by his commitment to the profession. While at Clemson University, Bryan has taken on a number of leadership positions in the area of Housing/Residence Life. For example, he has advised the local National Residence Hall Honorary, served as the Programming Chairperson for the 2008 South Atlantic Association of College and University Residence Halls (SAACURH) conference, and has co-instructed the Student Development, Leadership, and Counseling for University Paraprofessional course. In addition, one area of distinction for Bryan has been his involvement with developing a "Living Green" program for on-campus residents and

student organizations. His experience with creating the "Living Green" program has given him the opportunity to actively work with a broad section of the university community.

This student has accomplished all of the above while earning his Masters degree as a full-time, graduate student. As a graduate student in my classes, Bryan has been an engaged student who excels in all of his work. He is willing to work with diverse groups of people in reaching a goal, is self-motivated to learn and explore knowledge, and is willing to express and share his ideas while encouraging others to share, too. In other words, Bryan knows how to be both a leader and follower.

I believe Bryan Botts is highly deserving of the SEAHO Graduate Student of the Year award. Please give serious consideration to this nominee. He will represent the organization well. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information. Sincerely,

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