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To whom it may concern:

I would like to support the nomination of Jason Fraser Nash for SEAHO's Graduate Student of the Year. I have had the pleasure to work with Jason here at the University of Florida for the past year and a half.

Although I work primarily in Graduate and Family Housing, I have interacted with Jason in three distinct areas.

The first area is with our weekly in service RA training model called Compass Pointers. Jason served as a member of this committee in 2008. His participation was invaluable as he presented to the committee the Graduate Hall Director's perceptive on this training, its effectiveness and applicable topics to share with the RAs. Jason authored two Compass Pointers, each of which were done in a timely manner and well written.

My second area of interaction with Jason is with the department's Appeals Committee. Jason brings a fresh approach to this group. His genuine sensitivity to student needs is evident as the committee reviews each appeal case. He has a knack to see both sides, from the student perspective and also from the department's side. Jason presents his stance on the appeal up for review and has a very positive way for all committee members to understand his take on the case. His involvement has added much value to the quality of the committee responses.

My third area of involvement in Jason's professional development is with a very large renovation project called the Corry Village Renovation. Although Jason's role in the renovation has simply been in attending owner's meetings, he has had the opportunity to see the inner workings of a major renovation projects with of its intricacies in working with multiple groups of contractors. We have had discussions on what he has observed in these meetings. He has been able to take away many things from these meetings, simply from his keen sense of sitting back and observing.

Jason is an excellent candidate for this recognition as he demonstrates in many ways his dedication the housing profession, student affairs, and most important, the students here at the University of Florida.

Sincerely,

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