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Awards and Recognition Committee

Southeastern Association of Housing Officers

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this nomination for the SEAHO Service Award for Ms. Natalie Reckard. I have known Natalie since June 2008 when we both joined the Residence Life team at Kennesaw State University. In that time, I have served as her direct supervisor.

Ms. Reckard currently serves as one of our six Coordinators of Residence Life. In this capacity, she provides oversight to a community of over four hundred students and supervision to a group of eleven resident assistants. She also serves as a co-advisor to her community council and a conduct review officer for our student conduct system. However, Natalie’s commitments have not ended there. In the past year, Natalie sought out opportunities to not only expand her professional expertise, but also represent our department in several key ways. Natalie has been an active participant in our summer orientation program since she started working at KSU. Last summer, Natalie attended the Donald D. Gehring Academy for Student Conduct Administration. In this institute, Natalie improved her knowledge of student conduct philosophy and approaches to bring an enhanced skill set back to implement on our campus. Finally, in just the past few months, Natalie led our departmental efforts to participate in our annual homecoming activities. Each of these commitments were voluntary, but truly exhibited Natalie’s dedication to our department and the profession.

Natalie is truly the heart of our department. She is always the person who works to ensure that everyone’s interests are considered when making decisions. She is well respected by her peers and her staff. She has been able to develop several mentor relationships with members of our resident assistant and has shown within a short time the positive impact she can make. She is valued for not only her dedication and professionalism, but also her insight and sense of humor.

Natalie is bound for great things in this profession and it has been my pleasure to work with her at the early stages of what will be a promising career. Please grant her your utmost consideration for the SEAHO Service Award.

Sincerely,

W. Jeff Cooper

Associate Director of Residence Life