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Selection Committee for the SEAHO Graduate Student of the Year Award

Dear committee members:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of Bryan Botts for the SEAHO Graduate Student of the Year Award. I have known Bryan for two years now, and count him as a colleague and as a friend. During his time at Clemson University, he has proven himself a valuable asset to University Housing and to the institution as a whole.

Bryan had the daunting task of supervising two staffs this year as a Resident Director in the Fraternity and Sorority Quad. Typically, two resident directors split this area. Bryan was strategically placed in this area because his supervisors and colleagues knew he would rise to the challenge with grace and aplomb – he did not disappoint. In a year marked by declining state budgets, his ability to do the work of two staff members is most noteworthy. Moreover, his quality of work has surpassed that of past staffs which had the luxury of having two resident directors.

While Bryan has had his hands full with his job, he has still managed to be involved on university committees, excel in the classroom, and cultivate significant relationships with students and campus partners. Students are able to look to Bryan as a role model, mentor, and advocate. Campus partners, such as myself, are able to trust Bryan to follow through and do the job right. Personally, I’m happy when I have the opportunity to partner with Bryan on a student conduct issue: I know that I can count on open communication and, more importantly, that Bryan will have a meaningful and impactful interaction with our students.

I truly believe Bryan has exemplified service to his home institution throughout his tenure at Clemson. His work ethic is impeccable, his performance augments the student affairs, academic, and institutional missions, and he is always positive, happy, and ready to serve. I can think of no better person to receive this award.

Sincerely,

Wade Livingston

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