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Dear Selection Committee,

I'm writing this reference in support of Brittanique Honeyghan. As an individual that has centered the basis of my career on empowering, engaging and enhancing my community through positive initiatives. I have never met such an individual that is so boldly dedicated towards overcoming any and all obstacles in order to achieve her goals like Brittanique. Her perseverance is unwavering as she always remained relentlessly focused on her studies as a university student all while dealing with personal difficulties at home.

We live in an era where it's so easy to give up, where it's so easy to forget your moral compass and divulge into areas of massive wrongdoing, so when I see such a bright, conscientious, hardworking woman who utilizes the arts as a form of positive self expression, pushing day in and day out getting straight A's in school I am truly honoured to be able to assist her in any manner to which will make her path a bit more easier to walk on.

As a Black Canadian who grew up in low-income housing, I truly understand what it takes to persevere and to remain steadfast with your vision towards positive achievement. Therefore, through the plentiful times I've spoken with Brittanique I can personally attest that she serves as a testimony for what an individual can achieve once they are able to always remember that with faith it doesn't make things easier, it makes things possible; a character trait that she so readily shows.

I wholeheartedly recommend her for the Carmen Anderson Perseverance Award, as I respectfully feel we need to acknowledge the work ethic of such a kind-hearted human being that has taken it upon herself to continuously utilize her fortitude, drive, and tenacity towards both spiritual and emotional growth rather than focusing on creating excuses and giving up due to shortcomings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Sincerely,

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