

## CENTRE DUFFERIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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Alethia O'Hara - Stephenson  
**President DCCBA**  
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Dear Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson,

It is with great pleasure that I write to recommend Danielle-Nustrat Collison for the Black Excellence Award with the DCCBA. I have known Danielle for 4 years primarily as a student in my classroom and as a member of the Black Chapter at Centre Dufferin District high school, of which I am the staff adviser.

I came to know Danielle as a junior student in grade 9 when she joined the Black Chapter. Danielle was such an important addition to the relatively small group of active members. Danielle advocated for the Black Chapter to adopt a mission statement to direct the work at the school and was pivotal in helping decide on the raised gold fist as part of the logo. Danielle has continued to be a strong leader in the Black Chapter - this year she worked collaboratively with other members to design a workshop dedicated to 'Hair Love' for the first inaugural Black Brilliance Conference at Centre Dufferin District high school. This workshop was by far, the most successful and popular workshop at the conference as voted on by attendees from all across the Upper Grand District school board.

Danielle was, and is a valuable addition to my classroom and the greater school environment. She is honest, responsible, and is incredibly hard-working, which is noted by all of her teachers. Beyond that, she is an impressive leader who is always willing to listen and easily motivates her peers. Along with her undeniable focus, Danielle is always a joy to be around. She is optimistic, and manages to foster positive and thoughtful discussions in class. Danielle's dedication to her studies, coupled with her constant smile, are contagious.

Without hesitation, I confidently recommend Danielle for the Black Excellence Award with the DCCBA. As a dedicated student and involved community member, she is so deserving of this kind of recognition. Please feel free to contact me should you like to discuss Danielle's qualifications and community volunteer experience further. I'd be happy to expand on my recommendation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. T. Thompson, OCT