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CENTRE DUFFERIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Partners Learning Together; Creating Successful Tomorrows

Dear Awards Committee,

It is my great pleasure to recommend Danielle-Nu Strat Collison for this academic scholarship. She is an outstanding young lady who is determined to do all she can to make the school community a better place. In her junior year of high school, she worked with a few friends to create an affinity space for Black identifying students. With the help of a teacher, they created Black Chapter. This group is now in its fifth year of existence and support upwards of 70 racialized students.

As a senior student she now acts as mentor and a guide to new members. This year she led the group in organizing a board wide Black Brilliance conference. The conference was a call to action for all Black students; reminding them of their brilliance, their right to feel supported, included, and safe.

When she is not mentoring students, she can be found volunteering in her community. As an active member of the Jehovah Witness church Danielle prides herself on taking the time to encourage and support her community.

Danielle is a tremendously hard-working student. In addition to her activism, volunteer work, and leadership she works to maintain high marks in her courses. In her third year of high school, she achieved the highest overall mark in both biology and English. Currently she is set to earn a 95% in Physical Education, 100% Math and 98% in Personal Life Management. Teachers describe her as "wonderful human being, who is extremely ambitious". Danielle has been accepted to Georgian College where she will be studying Occupational Therapy.

It is challenging to highlight the most salient attributes and contributions of Danielle in a few words. However, if I had to choose, I would highlight her service leadership, her determination to excel in every area of her life, and her commitment to contribute to her community. She is a great candidate for this award and an outstanding student.

Sincerely,

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