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Dear SMSS Undergraduate Affairs Committee:

I highly recommend **Alexander Harriman**, a hard-working, reliable, confident, and dedicated person, to receive a SMSS undergraduate student award. I've known Alex in my capacity as his 2020 vitual Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) project faculty mentor.

I was most impressed by the dedication, the enthusiasm, and the commitment shown by Alex during the (7-week) REU program. He was always well-prepared by practicing the computer software exercise I gave a few days before we met; he was always on time for our virtual meetings; and he was eager to learn more materials than I have covered.

Alex also impressed me by his ability to quickly grasp the main idea of *extreme value analysis*, a somewhat advanced topic even for a Statistics graduate student. Last but not least, during the REU program, he demonstrated his communication and team/project management skills, which are important elements for being a great project leader.

I highly recommend Alex to you. If you have any further questions with regard to her qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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