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Admissions Committee Exhibit of Mentored Student Research and Creative Activity College of Creative Arts and Media West Virginia University

Dear Exhibit of Mentored Student Research and Creative Activity Committee,

I am writing to provide my highest recommendation for Dakota Flanagan's application to the 2025 Exhibit of Mentored Student Research and Creative Activity. I have had the pleasure of working with Dakota throughout the 2024-2025 academic year on her research, and I can confidently say that she is an exceptional student who possesses the dedication and determination this exhibition requires.

One of Dakota's most outstanding qualities is her remarkable independence as a researcher. Despite being only a junior, she consistently demonstrates a high level of self-motivation and initiative in her work. She approaches her research with a dedication and maturity that is rare for someone at her stage of study. It's not often that I come across an undergraduate who takes such ownership of her projects, and this has been a constant source of admiration for me.

Dakota's research, *The Effects of Skill Building on Self-esteem and Self-efficacy*, showcases her ability to blend social sciences with traditional art. This innovative and modern approach uniquely evaluates the impact of skill-building. Dakota's dedication has made this project both engaging and impactful and will provide valuable insights in academia.

Sincerely Jordon Masters

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