

To whom it may concern,

It is without equivocation that I firmly and enthusiastically recommend Miss Najee Gunter.

My love and devotion for our sisterhood is boundless. As an active 30-year member, I have served as the chair of Membership Services and The Emergency Response Team. Currently, I am the chair of the College and Career Readiness Committee. As such, I would only support a potential candidate who is already an individual who values education and service with distinction, and is committed to hard work.

Ms Gunter exemplifies the very essence of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – sisterhood, scholarship, and service. Not only are these values inherent in who she is, but she leads in these areas – at home, school, and church.

Najee cared for her aging grandmother consistently and without complaint. But, more than that, she cared for lovingly and thoughtfully. She prepared meals for her, washed and clothed her. She ran errands for her. And she was there to hold her as she went on to glory. Najee handled this responsibility out of love and independently. Furthermore, Najee created a schedule for all of her cousins to participate in the care of their grandmother. She gave directions and even held the older family members accountable. It was beautiful and affirming to observe this display of God's love as well as her leadership. Both are values that are consistent with our Christian foundation.

Even with the loss of her grandmother, Najee continued to display her love and affection for the elderly. She assists the elderly at Oak Street Health, a senior care facility in her hometown of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She enjoys spending time with elderly people who are in need while also preparing fun activities and community events for them to participate in while being in the care center. Her patience, commitment, and genuine care for other people only showcase her leadership skills but also a deep sense of responsibility and compassion.

Najee has always attended merit-based, academically competitive schools. Yet, she earned straight A's more than any other grade. This has been consistent throughout her academic career; she has continuously made the dean's list throughout her college career. At the same time, Najee has been an accomplished athlete- excelling in lacrosse and track. This exceptional athletic prowess led to her earning an athletic scholarship in Lacrosse at the University of the District of Columbia.

With the grades she earns and the knowledge she displays, she shows her natural leadership who constantly goes above and beyond to make a positive impact in her community. One of the remarkable ways she demonstrates this leadership is through her dedication to volunteering as a tutor for children. Najee has a unique ability to inspire and motivate young learners to reach their full potential.

Najee displays her love for not only the elderly but also children. With the skills gained from being a dual athlete and becoming a collegiate athlete, she uses her knowledge to educate children about her collegiate sport, lacrosse. Volunteering in her school's community, she teaches children the game of lacrosse and shows her vibrant and welcoming personality. Najee presents that she truly is passionate and enjoys her sport. She also uses her athleticism and coaching skills to teach children in Bethesda, Maryland, the game of lacrosse.

Najee truly exhibits leadership, political awareness, and involvement; she stays involved in her community and politics. She previously interned for the Philadelphia state representative Morgan Cephas, which exemplified her need for community involvement and perseverance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Though small in stature and quiet in volume, Najee has a strategic intellect and surefooted confidence that inspires and mobilizes others to take just stances and move forward to create a positive impact.

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