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Dear Phi Delta Chi Scholarship Review Committee,

It is with honor that I write in strong support of **Adesuwa Aigbuza** (known to me as “Adi”) as an applicant for the John F. (Jack) Schlegel Endowed Leadership Scholarship.

When I first met Adi, she struck me as “one to watch” in our profession. During our Regional Orientation, I noticed she was not shy about speaking up. Her energy and charisma engaged others to join in a thoughtful and spirited discussion about professionalism. Even when asked a difficult question about professionalism, Adi impressed me with the way she handled the question - being assertive, however, making sure not to offend anyone. This poise made sense after learning of her various leadership experiences. From serving as President for White Coats for Black Lives and as Project Manager for Operation Heart Committee to serving as Vice President of Professional Affairs for California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) - Pacific Chapter and as Alpha Psi Chapter Treasurer of Phi Delta Chi; Adi has had opportunities to hone her interpersonal skills as she was required to interact with multiple levels of leadership, from working with pharmacy school faculty to collaborating with her peers in coordinating outreach events. You can count on Adi to give an honest opinion and do so with the poise and maturity expected of a seasoned leader.

As her Regional Coordinator in the San Diego area, I have the privilege of viewing her rotation evaluations submitted by her preceptors. Adi “has a great positive presence about her” and has distinguished herself as “a role model for professionalism for pharmacy interns”. As expected from her pharmacy school leadership experiences, Adi showed strong communication and analytical skills early in her first APPE semester and continues to show a strong drive to learn and produce quality work even when some student pharmacists start feeling “burnt out” in the middle of their rigorous rotational year. Adi is highly motivated to learn and improve and this strong motivation has compelled her to produce quality work in all of her projects and assignments. Moreover, Adi is a self-starter, taking initiative to do things in clinic to help improve workflow and willing to stay longer in clinic to make sure all tasks are completed and all of her patients are cared for. Adi understands that her pharmacy education is a privilege and does not take it for granted.

Adi has managed to balance her leadership and community outreach activities while meeting the academic demands of an accelerated pharmacy school program. Her need to keep balanced and well-rounded even persists through her clinical clerkship year – a time when most student pharmacists typically show reluctance to continue extracurricular activities. While performing well as a student pharmacist on APPE rotations, in the past 4 months, Adi and two other student pharmacists joined efforts in gathering data and delivering a strong message to the School’s Case-Based Faculty Course Coordinators to make changes in the course series to improve the confidence and competence of final-year student pharmacists in their Internal Medicine clinical rotation. Adi even joined forces with her classmates to represent her School at the Quiz Bowl competition at CSHP Seminar 2024. Her high level of executive functioning (especially in the areas of task initiation, organization, prioritization and time management) that has allowed Adi to thrive despite a demanding schedule, will truly be an asset to herself and others who are lucky to work with her beyond her pharmacy school graduation.

Adi is an extraordinary individual with great potential for a successful career in pharmacy and who, I believe, through her leadership, community service, and advocacy activities dedicated to the promotion of our pharmacy profession, has earned and deserves the recognition and responsibilities that accompany

the receipt of your scholarship award. It is with strong support and no reservation that I recommend Adi Aigbuza for the John F. (Jack) Schlegel Endowed Leadership Scholarship.

Respectfully,



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