

To: Phi Delta Chi Awards Committee
From: Benson Leung, RPh

Re: Letter of Support and Recommendation
John F. Schlegel Endowed Leadership Scholarship
Celeste Medina, PharmD candidate 2025

I am honored to write this letter of support and recommendation for Celeste Medina in consideration of the John F. Schlegel Endowed Leadership Scholarship Award. Having had the privilege of knowing Celeste for nearly three years, I am pleased to endorse her for this prestigious professional recognition.

I first met Celeste at an annual recruitment dinner hosted by Phi Delta Chi, where I attended as a prospective candidate. At the time, I never anticipated that our roles would one day be reversed. Having known Celeste first as a mentor and now as a fellow brother, I have had the privilege of observing her in multiple capacities—both as a leader within Phi Delta Chi and as a dedicated pharmacy student. Her journey from a pre-pharmacy student to completing her final year of Advanced Pharmacy Practice is truly inspiring. Celeste consistently strives for excellence and with each new responsibility given to her, she showcases her potential and inherent greatness. Celeste exhibits exceptional leadership qualities, laying the foundation for a promising career as a pharmacist.

Over the past three years, Celeste has shown unwavering dedication to preparing for her future while simultaneously advancing patient care. She has actively engaged in various community projects and extracurricular activities, balancing her involvement across both undergraduate and pharmacy spheres. Her contributions include organizing and participating in community outreach events such as Pacific's Medicare clinics and committee-led health initiatives, including immunization, diabetes, and bone mineral density clinics, as well as the Phi Delta Chi Health Fairs. Additionally, she was one of the eight people at the forefront of University of the Pacific's CAPSLEAD research team, which presented at the CPhA Western Pharmacy Exchange. Her presentation addressed factors influencing pharmacy students' preparedness for residency programs, thereby not only representing her university but also making a meaningful contribution to the pharmacy profession.

What impresses me most about Celeste is that, despite her limited free time after dedicating herself to community engagement, she continues to prioritize self-development through her numerous leadership roles. As a representative of the Student Section Executive Committee for the CSHP Pacific Chapter, Celeste served as a liaison between CSHP, faculty, and the student body, fostering strong relationships and collaboration. She worked with other pharmacy school chapters to plan events for CSHP seminar conferences and served as an exceptional mentor to her board and peers. Her leadership also extended to hosting student-led events that promoted education and networking opportunities. Celeste consistently demonstrates a commitment to meeting deadlines, fostering positive interpersonal relationships, and embracing feedback, which are rare and invaluable traits. Her efficiency and attentiveness not only enhance

productivity within her team but also inspire her colleagues to strive for excellence. Remarkably, she manages all of this while simultaneously working as a CVS intern, showcasing her exceptional time management and dedication.

Celeste is an outstanding candidate, and it is my honor to recommend her for the John F. Schlegel Endowed Leadership Scholarship Award. She possesses the drive, passion, and discipline to excel as a pharmacist, evident through her multifaceted involvement and achievements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benson Leung". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Benson" being more prominent than the last name "Leung".

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