

Scholarship Committee for the John F. Schlegel Endowed Leadership Scholarship
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Dear Members of the Scholarship Committee,

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Celeste Medina for the John F. Schlegel Endowed Leadership Scholarship. As her previous manager at the CVS inside of Target, I have had the privilege of witnessing Celeste's growth as a leader and her unwavering commitment to the fraternity and advancing the pharmacy profession.

Celeste's leadership potential is shown through her involvement in a wide range of professional and academic positions. Her leadership roles, such as Legislative Chair of the California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) and as a Curriculum Committee Student Representative, exemplify her dedication to enhancing the pharmacy profession and advocating for student needs. She served as an effective liaison between students and faculty committee members. As a Pacific representative for the CSHP Student Section Executive Committee, she has demonstrated her ability to coordinate events and foster collaboration across different pharmacy schools.

Celeste's capacity for leadership extends beyond organizational roles. She has made a tangible impact through her community outreach efforts, including optimizing Medicare Part D coverage for vulnerable populations and administering vaccinations at community health events. As a member of the advertising and marketing committee for Medicare, she was out in the community helping promote outreach events. As a technician and intern at CVS, she had hands on experience facilitating medication adherence, recommending OTC medications and providing consultations directly to the patients.

Her academic achievements, combined with her research contributions as a CAPSLEAD Ambassador, further underscore her leadership in advancing pharmacy education. By presenting her findings at CPhA Western Pharmacy Exchange, organizing leadership panels at UOP and being a Rho Chi Tutor, Celeste has shown her commitment to preparing the next generation of pharmacists.

Her leadership was also shown within the fraternity. As the Worthy Correspondent she helped maintain communication with 102 chapters across the nation, this required meticulous organizational skills and the ability to grow strong relationships. Later as the Worthy Assistant Correspondent, she led communications with the brothers on Advanced Pharmacy Practice experiences and orchestrated the graduation events prior to commencement.

I've had the joy of knowing Celeste since she started at UOP. It has been a pleasure to watch her grow personally and professionally from a brand-new green technician to a leader in the pharmacy profession. She approaches every challenge with resilience, unwavering work ethic and an innate ability to inspire those around her. I am confident she will continue to excel as a leader after graduation and continue to make meaningful contributions to the pharmacy profession and the fraternity.

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