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Scholarship Selection Committee

Dear Members of the Scholarship Selection Committee:

It is my pleasure to recommend Nikita Teiwani for scholarship consideration. I serve as Assistant Director of BiblioTech Public Library, and I have worked with Nikita as she brought Calyqen, the career platform she created, and its free community initiative, Caly Cares, to BiblioTech patrons.

What has impressed me most about Nikita is not simply that she created a technology platform while still in high school. It is the way she takes responsibility for making that technology genuinely useful to the people she hopes to serve.

From the beginning, Nikita approached our collaboration with unusual preparation and maturity. She demonstrated Calyqen to our team, listened carefully to our questions, and developed a plan for helping patrons through multiple stages of the job-search process. She also proposed training BiblioTech staff so that support could continue beyond her own workshops. Her focus was not on holding a single event, but on creating something that could have lasting value.

Before the workshop, Nikita visited BiblioTech herself to test the shared-computer environment and identify barriers patrons might encounter. She thought through issues such as account access, document storage, shared computers, and how people with different levels of technology experience could participate successfully. That preparation reflected both attention to detail and genuine empathy for the user.

I was especially impressed by how she responded when our team raised questions about privacy and data handling. Rather than becoming defensive, Nikita treated our concerns as an opportunity to improve. She reviewed the platform and its policies, clarified Calyqen's Privacy Policy and Terms of Use, strengthened safeguards for shared computers, and created a visual privacy guide that made complicated information easier for patrons to understand.

That experience showed me a great deal about her character. Nikita listens carefully, accepts feedback, follows through, and is willing to change her work when she sees a better way to serve others. She combines initiative and technical ability with humility, accountability, and a strong sense of responsibility.

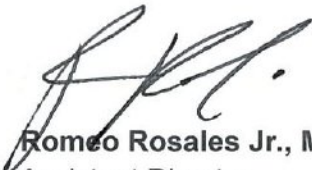
At her first BiblioTech workshop, three patrons attended, and each left having made concrete progress toward employment. Two built résumés from scratch, while the third reformatted an existing résumé; all three then submitted applications for jobs they had identified. Our staff observed Nikita guide the group for the full hour, provide individual assistance, and keep each participant moving forward. What stood out was her response to the small group: she did not measure success by turnout, but by whether each person left with meaningful progress, and she immediately expressed a desire to continue the workshops and reach more patrons.

Nikita is not building technology simply for the sake of building it. She is using her skills to address real needs in her community and is willing to put in the time required to make that work meaningful.

Based on my experience working with Nikita, I recommend her without hesitation. She has demonstrated leadership, integrity, initiative, responsiveness, and a sincere commitment to serving others. I believe she will continue using her education and abilities to solve meaningful problems and create opportunities for the people around her.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



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