



To whom it may concern:

I am Marshall Bailly II, Executive Director of Leadership Initiatives, and I am writing you this letter to endorse Samantha Williams. Samantha is a dedicated and passionate young woman who has taken initiative in her life to improve not only herself as a person but to improve the lives of others as well. I am impressed by many of Samantha's qualities; her work ethic, dependability, creativity, and incredible dedication immediately come to mind.

I met Samantha at our Advanced Neuroscience Summit in conjunction with Georgetown University's Neuroscience team in the summer of 2022. The program sponsored by the Future First Foundation, Microsoft Youthspark Program, GlobalGiving, the International Youth Foundation, the Starbucks Foundation, and Impact Education pushes young men and women to experience cutting-edge neuroscience experiments. At the conference interns explore the biological foundations of the brain, progressing from the cellular foundations of the neuron to an understanding of the sensory systems, and culminating with higher-order cognitive functions such as memory, emotion, and morality.

At the conference, Samantha took part in MRI, EEG, and Neural Interface experiments along with a dissection of a human brain. During this internship, Samantha distinguished herself as an exceptional student who was attentive to the diversity and depth involved in the field of Neuroscience. She was quick to ask questions so that she could better understand the inner workings of the human mind. In addition to considerable intellect and exemplary attention to detail, Samantha is a warm, engaging individual who has strong emotional intelligence which is necessary for any future leader.

For her final project, Samantha designed a neuro-research project on social identity changes the decision-making process in the human mind that she presented to Dr. Giordano (Chief of Georgetown University's Neuro-ethics Studies Program), Dr. Wuzerman (Director of Science at SeekHealing), and Dr. Laura-Ann Petitto (Science Director at Gallaudet University's Science of Learning Center Participants). Her team so impressed our nation's top neuroscientists that their experiment proposal received 2nd place out of the top forty Neuroscience students in the entire nation.

It is this combination of tenacity, willingness to help, and good communications skills found in Samantha that is utterly unique. She is someone who excels at any task given and whom I wholeheartedly believe will change lives on a grand scale someday. As a member of my community development organization, she has far surpassed my expectations, and I believe she is truly a worthy candidate for any University of his choosing.

Sincerely,

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