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Dear Committee:

I am so privileged to write this recommendation letter for Drew Williams for consideration for the 2022 Eta Omega scholarship. Drew Williams exhibits leadership, academic excellence, integrity, and character. Drew volunteered to help with the Robotics / Engineering Program at Benjamin E Mays High School during the summer and fall 2021-22 school year. I witnessed his development into a great leader among his peers with the ability to delegate task and complete the project. He was motivated, energetic, bright and above all a very genuine, compassionate person.

I met Drew at an awards ceremony and was so excited to see a young African American man receive the Engineering Excellence Award. I wondered if he could come and help the Robotics / Engineering Team at Benjamin E Mays High School. Not thinking that he would say yes because he attended Charles Drew Charter School, I asked if he could give up his Saturdays to come and help the Robotics team. Without any hesitation, he stated he would come and help if he was not behind on his schoolwork. The robotics program needed a voice of direction and Drew served as that motivator. He worked well with the students and created teams based on the student's strengths. He provided them with easier ways to program the robots. He also worked with the design team by analyzing the engineering dimensions of the robot's velocity and acceleration.

Education is very important. But I feel that character is a set of behavior traits that define what sort of person an individual is. It determines whether a person will effectively achieve goals, be forthright in dealing with others and will obey laws and rules. Drew Williams shows to be trustworthy, responsible, caring, and respectful. Drew is a young man of integrity. Integrity requires both being true to oneself and living up to one's highest and best personal values with courage and self-discipline. He is a responsible person that does not blame others for his actions. When it comes to his work ethics, he understands the concept of working hard to excel. He also understands that helping others is just as important as helping yourself. Not only was he able to make a positive impression with the students at Mays High School but he was able to assist students with Microsoft software to enhance their coding skills. Again, he genuinely wants others to do well. His tenacity and dedication speaks volume. Drew Williams upholds the golden rule...treat others as you would have them treat yourself.

I highly recommend Drew Williams for the Eta Omega scholarship. I truly believe that with this scholarship this young man will be productive at any university. He will shine among all students. I wish him the very best in all his future endeavors.

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