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Dear Carnegie Mellon Women's Association:

I am pleased to recommend Naomi Shin, a graduating graduate student in our Master of Science in Health Care Policy & Management program at the Heinz College, for the CMWA Scholarship Award.

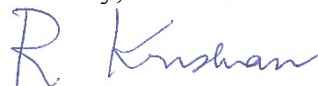
Naomi is an accomplished young woman in the classroom. She pursued the Accelerated Master's Program in Health Care Policy and Management – completing her undergraduate degree in Neuroscience in 2020 while pursuing her first year of the Heinz MSHCPM program. She graduated with University Honors and received the Senior Leadership Award for her Department. Naomi has continued to thrive in the classroom at Heinz and has been a model for her peers. She has also taken on leadership roles in various class projects – something that we do not usually see from our young graduate students. Naomi was a team leader for her recent Capstone project – a collaboration between United Way of Southwestern PA and Sensez9 to evaluate a technology platform to provide social services during COVID-19.

Naomi has also been a leader outside of the classroom through her undergraduate and graduate careers. She was the President of the Alpha Chi Omega Women's Fraternity, and heavily involved in CMU's Green Dot initiative addressing power-based personal violence on our campus. This past summer, she was also part of a multidisciplinary team that participated in the Jewish Healthcare Foundation's Liftoff Pittsburgh Ideathon and proposed a program to alleviate caregiver burden for caregivers whose loved ones are at end-of-life. The team achieved semifinalist status in the competition.

Naomi has enormous potential in the health care industry – particularly in health policy evaluation and development that advance the needs of women and underserved populations. Naomi continues to intern with the Medicaid and CHIP Payment Advisory Commission where she investigates the impact of COVID-19 on these social insurance programs and reviews the impacts of policies on racial and ethnic health disparities. Naomi is currently seeking full time employment post-Heinz to drive forward equitable health policy initiatives.

I am confident Naomi will continue to be a model for others and innovator in her professional career. She is well deserving of this honor from the CMWA.

Sincerely,



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