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Dear Carnegie Mellon Women's Association,

It is our honor to write this letter nominating **Maegan Bogetti** to be the Carnegie Mellon Women's Association's Most Outstanding Graduate from Dietrich College. Having watched her development over her time at CMU, we can state with confidence that a concern for women's rights has been one of her foremost academic and career focuses. Maegan graduated this past December with a Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies, with an additional major in Environmental Studies and a minor in Gender Studies. Her QPA was a perfect 4.00, and along the way she conducted several research projects and led student groups that focused on women's rights and women's health. Simply put, Maegan is one of the most qualified students for this award that we have ever worked with.

Maegan Bogetti personifies commitment to the advancement of women at CMU and globally. Academically, Maegan has made women a central focus of her research since her first year. Her first major project, "Ecofeminism: A Historical Critique and Contemporary Integration," conducted the summer after her first year, was equivalent to an honors thesis in its intellectual sophistication and length, according to her project advisor Abigail Owen. Last fall, Maegan completed a research paper, "Protect and Respect Black Women: How Rihanna and Megan thee Stallion Use Stardom to Shift Narratives about Black Female Sexuality and Violence Against Black Women," as the only undergraduate in an English graduate course. Simultaneously, she completed her senior Global Studies capstone research paper, "A Case for Community-Level Environmental Worldview: Psychological and Sociocultural Shifts to Address Environmental Crises and Shape Sustainable Futures in the Pittsburgh Lead Crisis and Beyond," which was a brilliant case study that would not have been out of place in our History PhD program. Without question, Maegan is one of the most academically talented students in Dietrich College.

Outside the classroom, Maegan has been a student leader as president of the student group FEMME (Feminists Engaged in Multicultural Matters and Engagement). Unlike a lot of student groups which can get caught up in their own little worlds, Maegan pushed the organization out of its campus bubble to build coalitions with other university and community partners. Most impressively, last fall semester, Maegan organized a panel on Black female maternal health, bringing together scholars, activists, and health care providers to discuss a major issue in Pittsburgh, which has significantly worse Black maternal health outcomes than the national average. Maegan has been a consistent advocate for women's rights, reproductive justice, and intersectional feminism throughout her time on campus. She will continue to study these issues in graduate school next fall and her eventual goal is to pursue a PhD. In terms of scholarship, leadership, and service, we think Maegan perfectly fits the mold of the CMWA's most outstanding graduate.

Sincerely,

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