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Dear Members of the Carnegie Mellon Women's Association:

The Tepper School proudly recognizes Ryanne Ege, as the 2020 Tepper representative for the CMWA annual recognition. Ryanne exemplifies the Tepper spirit both in and out of the classroom. Her academic achievements include earning College Honors with her thesis titled, *The Effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on Capital Structure Decisions by S&P 500 Technology Companies*. It is unusual for Tepper students to pursue College Honors but Ryanne was clear that she wanted to conduct in-depth research and embraced the academic pursuit with her studies in accounting and finance.

As is true for so many Tepper students, Ryanne embraced the Carnegie Mellon spirit beyond the classroom. She began her undergraduate career on the Women's Varsity Soccer team and quickly joined Kappa Kappa Gamma wherein she consistently sought leadership roles. Ryanne's warm and vivacious spirit certainly was an asset to the sorority as the Membership Recruitment Head and Recruitment Chairman.

Ryanne's uniquely woven her academic and career interests with on-campus leadership. The Tepper Finance Group, one of the biggest student clubs in our School, is divided into multiple units and as a senior, Ryanne stepped in as Vice President of the Investment Banking Academy, a selective student club that prepares students to enter the finance industry. Further, she received a prestigious internship in the summer before her senior year at Citigroup, one of the more competitive companies for Tepper student placements. Ryanne will return to Citigroup as a full-time Corporate Banking Analyst, proudly representing the Tepper School of Business and Carnegie Mellon University.

Among a talented senior class in Tepper, Ryanne stands out for the ways in which she sought academic and co-curricular opportunities throughout her four-year career. She's absolutely made an impact in the Tepper School among her peers, faculty, and advisors. We celebrate Ryanne's achievements and are pleased that the Carnegie Mellon Women's Association recognizes her among their 2020 award recipients.

Sincerely

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