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Dear Carnegie Mellon Women's Association:

I am pleased to recommend Katelin Avenir, a graduating graduate student in our Master of Science in Health Care Analytics & Information Technology program at the Heinz College, for the CMWA Scholarship Award.

Katelin demonstrated her potential to be a leader in health equity before even setting foot on campus. Our college invited students to join a multidisciplinary team to compete in the Northwestern Augmented Intelligence for Health Bowl that was aimed at developing solutions to address health disparities. Katelin reached out to discuss her interests as an incoming student and was selected to join the team of impressive current students. Katelin's team developed a solution to enhance equity in clinical trials, and ultimately won the competition.

During her time as a student, Katelin participated in the Jewish Healthcare Foundation Patient Safety Fellowship and was an intern with the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh where she worked on projects advancing care coordination between health system clinicians and school nurses. She participated in these endeavors while maintaining excellence in the classroom.

Katelin has also led extracurricular groups that advance women in the data analytics field. She is the current president of both the Heinz College Health Care Club and the Women+ in Data Science Club. She is currently leading the coordination of a panel on Data Science in Health Care, featuring one of our college female faculty and recent alumna.

After graduation, Katelin will be joining Deloitte in the federal consulting practice, where she will undoubtedly continue to use her talents to enhance public health and health equity.

Sincerely,



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