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Dear Members of the Carnegie Mellon Women's Association:

The Tepper School proudly recognizes Nisha Fernandes, as the 2024 Tepper representative for the CMWA annual recognition. Nisha exemplifies the Tepper spirit both in and out of the classroom. Her impressive academic achievements beyond her business studies include achieving an additional major in statistics and a minor in decision science. It is unusual for Tepper students to pursue both an additional major and minor alongside primary major studies and captures the academic spirit she embraced as a CMU community member.

As is true for so many Tepper students, Nisha embraced the Carnegie Mellon spirit beyond the classroom. She quickly became involved on campus with the Women in Business, Delta Delta Delta, and 180 Degrees Consulting student organizations, achieving leadership multiple roles during her membership for each of these organizations (president or vice president positions). Women in Business is a student organization with a primary mission to empower women in the workplace through raising awareness about gender equity and professional development. Her leadership in her sorority expands her commitment to supporting the development of women student leadership and community on campus. It is unusual for students to hold multiple organization presidential leadership positions during one academic year as Nisha has done with 180 Degrees Consulting and Women in Business; her ability to succeed in multiple positions absolutely demonstrates her commitment to impacting our community and leaving her mark.

Nisha's uniquely woven her academic interests with professional experiences. She has completed multiple consulting internships with PwC and Deloitte and participated in multiple projects with Accenture. She has represented Carnegie Mellon University in several case competitions which allowed her to strengthen and showcase skills such as critical thinking, professional speaking, and rapid problem solving.

Nisha stands out for the ways in which she sought academic and co-curricular opportunities throughout her career. Her impact in the Tepper School is significant and her contributions will ripple through future student leaders. We celebrate Nisha's achievements and are pleased that the Carnegie Mellon Women's Association will recognize her among their 2024 award recipients.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wegner, Ed.D.