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To the Slippery Rock University Alumni Association Scholarship Committee,

I write to express my support in awarding Jaycie Greenawalt this scholarship. As Slippery Rock University's Color/Winter Guard Director, I have had the pleasure of teaching Jaycie for three competitive seasons. I have witnessed Jaycie outside of a traditional academic setting and as a freshman member, a soloist, and a captain for the SRU Marching Pride this past fall season. It has been nothing short of wonderful and painless to work with her in each of these roles. She approaches everything that is asked of her with technique, a smile, and a quiet dedication.

Jaycie's first season with SRU was also my first season as staff. Whatever expectations I went into this first year with, Jaycie met and exceeded. Her commitment to excellence was evident from day one. She came into our activity already having a great amount of knowledge and still remained receptive to learning by new and ever-changing methods. She embodies what it is to be an ideal SRU student, evolving in personal style and conviction, all while accepting new challenges.

Earlier this year, as a rookie, Jaycie had the responsibility of setting the tone for our winter guard show as our opening dance soloist. Our staff listened to judges' recordings after every performance and eventually got used to each tape starting with a gasp in regard to how beautifully Jaycie moved. She is an asset to any performance ensemble, but especially for one experiencing a rebuilding period. Jaycie had a large part in helping us defend our local gold medal title and perform at WGI World Championships for the first time. As a dance major, I am positive she brings as much of herself to the dance department as she does to the SRU guards.

As a captain, Jaycie achieved with an elevated expectation of responsibility. When I spent rehearsals away with other marching bands, Jaycie and her co-captains filled in the blanks that I left behind. When I would come back, we were able to pick up without a hitch largely thanks to her work. In her second season on weapon line, her marked improvement was due entirely to her own efforts behind the scenes. She spent her personal time and the summer prior to band camp practicing. This example as a leader helped the guard have an incredibly stress-free and successful season. She will represent the university with grace in London's parade next year.

As a third generation SRU student, Jaycie is an exemplary applicant to receive this scholarship as I am sure you can agree. She more than deserves this opportunity for assistance in furthering her academic goals at The Rock. Please contact me at 412.266.6300 if I can provide you with any more information regarding Jaycie's application.

Sincerely,



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