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Re: Samantha Clyde, FR-One Scholarship Award

Dear Members of the NEWH Scholarship Board,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation for Samantha Clyde for the FR-One Scholarship Award. I have worked with Sam closely as her interior design professor last semester (fall 2013). She quickly impressed me as a student and person. There are many things that impress me about Sam which I will share with the committee.

Sam's love and desire for learning is refreshing. Yes, students are in school to learn but the passion and energy with which Sam tackles her projects is far more advanced than many students. Speaking as a 20-year veteran of teaching, Sam is among the top students in terms of being able to express ideas and really engaging is a dialogue about the pros and cons of her work. She listens, evaluates and responds in a mature and thoughtful way. This will serve her well in her professional life beyond academia. She possesses the skills, creativity and personality traits needed to be successful in the design profession.

I was impressed that in her third year of our program Sam ventured to Australia alone to study in a newly established exchange program with Swinburn University in Melbourne. While the experience wasn't exactly what she expected she was self motivated to create the best of the situation – returning with solid work and an unbelievable travel experience.

Sam demonstrates leadership qualities when interacting with her peers in studio, occasionally acting as a liaison for the class with me if there's an issue or concern that students want to address. I've engaged with her in different situations and she never ceases to impress me.

I have spent time talking with Sam about her personal situation – having one sibling also in college and another quickly approaching college. She is hard working, trying to cover as much of her living expenses as she can through work and loans. A scholarship would help alleviate some of the burden of tuition from her parents as her mother changes careers.

It is without hesitation that I recommended Samantha for a NEWH Scholarship. I believe she will use all she as learned at the University of Cincinnati to become a successful designer. I have no doubt that Samantha will reach her career goals and make the University proud to have her as an alumnus.

I will be glad to provide further information upon request. I can be reached during business hours at 513.265.8171 or by email at ann.black@uc.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ann L. Black'.

Ann L. Black, Associate Professor

