ATTENTION: SENEFF SCHOLARS SELECTION COMMITTEE

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a recommendation for Ms. Kate Tipping. During the past five years, I have come to know Kate first as a student through the Academy of Finance Honors Magnet Program at William R. Boone High School and then as a friend. As a result, I feel more than capable in recommending her for admission into the James M. Seneff Honors Program at Florida State University.

Kate is a special student who worked very hard during high school to prepare herself for success at the post-secondary level. Take one look at her resume and you will see a young lady that attacks life and learning daily. But there is so much more to this engaging young woman that goes way beyond her classes and grades. During her high school experience, Kate's remarkable accomplishments were many. For instance, she was recognized as the top finance student in her graduating class based upon her academic performance within our 4-year program of study. Additionally, she participated in a150-hour summer financial internship at McCoy Federal Credit Union in 2022, receiving outstanding marks on her final evaluation. Her supervisor noted that Kate "was always up to the challenge and was a valued contributor to the department's success." A side note here is that because of her performance in 2022, McCoy has subsequently brought her back each summer since as an employee. Currently, she works in the Fraud Department. Also in 2022, Kate volunteered with the Internal Revenue Service, preparing and e-filing tax returns for lower socioeconomic families in Central Florida. And that's not all... Kate interned for three years in our school's Addition Financial Credit Union; a campus branch run entirely by students without adult supervision. As you can see, this young lady gives everything of herself in each of the activities that she undertakes.

Kate is someone who will go the extra mile to seek out both challenging experiences and leadership opportunities. She is of the highest moral character, capable in any setting, and easily adapts to a changing environment. In speaking with her recently, I know that she is excited about the future opportunities that come with being a Seneff Scholar. I also understand that if she is granted acceptance into this prestigious program, there is no doubt in my mind that she will proudly follow in the footsteps of Ivy Van Dyke (a member of the inaugural Seneff Scholars class of 2019) as well as Mason Pullum (2022 Seneff Scholar); both graduates of our finance program that went on and were very successful as Seneff Scholars in Tallahassee.

Take a little bit of *Perseverence*, combine it with a whole lot of *Persistence*, mix in a smidgen of *Positive Attitude*, and what do you have? Ms. Kate Tipping - The Ideal Candidate for acceptance into the 2024 Seneff Scholars Program!

Respectfully,

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