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Attention: National Science Foundation Education and Training Opportunities Program
Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Trinity Manansala

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter of recommendation in support of Trinity Manansala's application to the National Science Foundation's Education and Training Opportunities Program.

I had the good fortune of having Ms. Manansala as a student in my Math 103 Introduction to Linear Algebra course during the Spring Semester of 2023. Very quickly during the progress of that class, I found Ms. Manansala to be an extremely determined, conscientious, and fully engaged student for whom success was -- and remains -- a must. My linear algebra course is particularly challenging for the vast majority of my students due to the quantity of content they are expected to master, the level of critical thinking skills they are expected to apply during both lectures and exams, and the extensive demands made upon them by way of examinations and interactive lecture discussions that explore their mathematical skills and analytical capabilities, their theoretical comprehension, and their application usage. Nevertheless, Ms. Manansala easily and immediately rose to the challenge, not only mastering the subject, but placing well within the top five percent of all my Math 103 students since 2012; a population of well over 400 students.

In working with Trinity, I had the privilege of observing her exhibit those qualities that every instructor wishes to see in his students, but rarely is given the opportunity to do so at a sustained level: curiosity, determination, perseverance, a growing confidence in her ability to master challenging material, and a profound willingness to share her skills and insights with her classmates. Trinity is definitely among those students for whom I have great admiration: specifically, admiration for her deliberate and constructive engagement of the material and classroom dynamic, her optimism, her drive, and her willingness to provide proactive assistance and guidance to her peers, both within the classroom and without. She has consistently demonstrated the qualities that speak to an inevitable and ultimate success in all she endeavors to undertake.

I heartily recommend Ms. Manansala as an NSF Education and Training Program applicant for the high degree of motivation she consistently exhibits, the persistent level of determination she consistently displays, and the promising prospects of ultimate success that she happily represents. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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