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Dear Dean Choudhury,

I enthusiastically endorse **Professor Tia Quinlan-Wilder** for her wonderful contributions to the University of Denver. Her commitments to professional development and collaborative partnerships make her an ideal professor. In my interactions with Tia, I recognize that creating and assessing robust learning environments is her passion, and further deepening her repertoire of leadership and administrative skills is her professional goal, which I believe makes her an ideal professor.

Professor Quinlan-Wilder is *impassioned* about designing, delivering, and assessing high-quality learning environments. To facilitate this process, she participates on a regular basis in a variety of assessment opportunities at multiple levels: nationally with AACSB, institutionally with DU, and locally with Daniels. She shares rich expertise toward planning and leading institution-wide professional development opportunities for DU faculty and staff. Last year, for example, Tia played a crucial role in creating and facilitating Assessment Fellows training with me. In this capacity, she brought great insight for faculty and staff to critically reflect upon and enact an expansive vision of assessment and accreditation at DU. Tia brings such acumen and care to assessment that I have asked her to serve on the Assessment Groupware committee as we explore the procurement of third-party platforms to make assessment more meaningful and manageable. Given her experience with both AACSB and HLC accreditation, her leadership and perspectives are invaluable to this committee. Additionally, Professor Quinlan-Wilder organically takes on the role of *collaborator* due to her natural ability to listen well, communicate difficult ideas, and strategize effective solutions. This ability to collaborate has been especially instrumental in helping DCB colleagues continually improve their own curricula development and program assessment practices. When meeting with colleagues in MBA@Denver, for example, she helped to simultaneously streamline and strengthen program assessment in ways that save time, decrease stress, and bolster program assessment using course-embedded artifacts. Additionally, Tia is an exemplary Assessment Fellow: I turn to her often to review program assessment reports, offer thoughtful suggestions, and ask reflective questions that kindle continuous improvement processes. If every department had a Professor Tia Quinlan-Wilder on their team, DU would be an assessment and accreditation leader in the landscape of higher education.

I have no doubt that Professor Quinlan-Wilder will continue to make vibrant contributions to the Daniels College of Business and DU. If you have any further questions, I can be reached at (303) 871-6012 christina.paguyo@du.edu.

Sincerely,

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