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January 14, 2019

Dear Selection Committee for the CU Innovation and Efficiency Award:

I'm pleased to recommend Amandine Habben, Program Assistant II in the UCCS Student Life department, for the CU Innovation and Efficiency Award. As the UCCS Senior Executive Director of Student Life & Assessment, I have observed Amandine spearhead the successful establishment and implementation of a collaborative, efficient, and resource-saving international travel process tailored specifically for registered student clubs and organizations.

When Amandine saw a strong increase in the requests by clubs and organizations to travel internationally, she was responsive and played an integral role in bridging the knowledge and expertise of the International Affairs office and the existing international processes and guidelines with the club and organization travel training content. This supported a consistent approach to the delivery of the often complex international travel requirements and nuances in an existing club and organization training framework, while utilizing professional staff member power from both the Student Life and International Affairs areas.

Beyond the collaborative benefits of this partnership between Student Life and International Affairs with the facilitation of the club and organization international travel trainings, there has also been an improved training calendar adopted, streamlined communication has resulted as it relates to the travel training requirements, and student groups feel much more informed and supported when it comes to traveling abroad.

Through this shared service model, significant cost savings have emerged. Staff from Student Life and International Affairs have combined efforts and resources to offer student clubs and organizations a comprehensive and impactful travel training that is differentiated according to their unique needs and wants. This would not have happened without the innovative thinking and administrative support provided by Amandine Habben. She was the critical and steady link that made this all a reality.

Without reservation, I enthusiastically support Amandine Habben for the 2019 CU Innovation and Efficiency Award. Her example is testament that leadership exists everywhere, and we are fortunate to have someone of Amandine's talent and commitment working to support our students' interests and experiences within the CU System.

Sincerely,

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Dear Selection Committee for the CU Innovation & Efficiency Award:

Personable, responsible, energetic, organized and professional. These are just a few words that come to mind when I think of Ms. Amandine Habben. I have known Amandine for two years in the capacity as her colleague. specifically, related to student groups and clubs going abroad.

Volunteering abroad through a recognized student group on campus is a growing area in education abroad experiences for UCCS students. On average approximately 20% of our students going abroad do so via a recognized student organization or club.

This emergence of student interest abroad through Student Life and Activities did not have processes and procedures that aligned between Student Life and International Affairs. In fact, there were significant gaps which could have exposed students and the university to risk management issues. However, due to the efforts of Amandine to collaborate and co-create with International Affairs there is now a streamlined process in place that involves clear communication and procedures regarding paperwork, student leader training and briefs, and involvement of staff/faculty advisors. Amandine has been a bridge for International Affairsin connecting with student groups going abroad. She has helped our office ensure that students are registered, waivers on file, and emergency contact and other pertaninent details obtained.

Amandine is always willing to help out and provide structure and input in the planning and communication with student groups going abroad. Additionally, she has superb communication and insights to student leaders and their needs and is an asset the Student Success Division.

There are many positive words for Amandine and I recommend her as a candidate without reservation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 719-255-7528 or mhansen2@uccs.edu.

Warm Regards,

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