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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Nathan Longo to support his nomination for the NIC Award of Distinction. I currently serve as the Associate Dean of Students/Director of Fraternity, Sorority and Cooperative Life at Purdue University, and I have worked with Nathan in his roles as Chapter President, Interfraternity Council (IFC) President and the IFC Associate Vice President of Administration. I've known Nathan for almost 4 years and in that time has demonstrated exceptional character, authenticity, maturity and ability.

Nathan is one of the top students at Purdue University, the Purdue FSCL 2018 President of the Year and 2020 IFC Man of the Year. He is certainly on my "Mount Rushmore" of students that I have worked with throughout my career. In fact, he may be the best IFC officer I have ever worked with. I am most impressed with his ethical/moral compass and his ability to lead by example. He is coachable, willing to serve, and ready to advocate for himself and others. It is rare to find a young man that is mature and vulnerable enough to critically and honestly self-assess, and take steps toward self-improvement. Nathan Longo is the type of young man I hope my son aspires to be.

Furthermore, Nathan is an exceptional student. He has earned a 4.0 GPA in engineering at a top 10 engineering program while holding significant student leadership roles in each year of his membership. He has successfully completed internship and Co-op experiences with Fortune 500 companies, and will be working for Exxon Mobile following graduation. As his job search narrowed and came to an end, he had to choose between offers from Exxon and NASA. Nathan is a young man that is committed to maximizing his potential and creating opportunities to advance his community. I am confident that Nathan's work ethic and character will guide his life's work, and his impact will be felt by future generations.

In conclusion, if I could hand pick any student leader at Purdue University to lead young men, Nathan Longo would be at the top of the list. He has an incredible capacity for leadership, appreciates diverse perspectives and has the ability to elevate organizations to new levels. As a community leader, he is consistently a part of the solution and an agent for positive change.

I strongly encourage you to recognize the hard work and effort Nathan has invested in his community and personal success. He deserves it. If you have any questions, please contact me at [bcutler@purdue.edu](mailto:bcutler@purdue.edu) or 765-494-4880.

Sincerely,



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