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2019 Women of Influence

Dear Committee Members:

I am excited to support the nomination of Nancy Mwiroti as a 2019 Emerging Woman of Influence.

As a board member for Pi515, I have seen Nancy in action. She is a tireless advocate for representing the underrepresented, fighting for refugee and low-income students to access STEM education while addressing her own barriers as an African non-profit executive director in the startup space.

Nancy is an innovator. Pi515's mission is to challenge, inspire and teach technology skills to students with potential - empowering refugee and undeserved youth to achieve success, garner influence and gain stability in their families and communities. Nancy functions in a startup mentality where she is constantly observing the factors that surround the status quo and shaking it up to create a better outcome. She is a compassionate, strong and dedicated person that strives to create successful students while she makes room in the community for diverse candidates to join.

Whether it is taking students from class to their home because their parents do not have transportation, teaching class, running to the grocery store to get healthy brain food for those that do not have enough at home, meeting with tech founders to ask for support, or raising her own child as a single mother, she is constantly asking herself what she can do for others.

Nancy is a connector. Pi515's leadership and support come primarily from people of all races within and outside of the technology industry. Nancy has proven to funders that her program works by inspiring a shared vision that in order to create equity in STEM-related fields, our community needs to invest in the people who are under-represented to grow into those very fields. Her passion is contagious.

Nancy perseveres. She has faced many obstacles, both in establishing herself as a founder to gaining credibility in the non-profit world. She never gives up and she continues to have a positive attitude. She believes in herself, her mission, her students, and the people that support her.

Now, I am asking you to believe in her. She is a deserving individual for this recognition and is an excellent example for all young, emerging leaders to look toward as they model their future selves: hard-working, compassionate, tireless, and selfless. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Roth". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large, stylized 'A' and 'R'.

Anne Roth

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