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Ref: Letter of Recommendation for Emerging Women of Influence Award

I would like to recommend Debarati Ray for the Emerging Woman of Influence award. Debarati is an amazing young woman. I first got to know Debarati through working with her in the local chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). The Society of Women Engineers is a national organization that seeks to support women to achieve their full potential in careers as engineers and leaders, expand the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life, and demonstrate the value of diversity. As a woman engineer herself, Debarati embraced the mission of SWE in her involvement with the local chapter in East Central Iowa. She enthusiastically made a difference within the SWE community and the larger community of East Central Iowa. She immediately became involved with the SWE leadership team as Membership Chair, welcoming others into the group and taking the lead with several events. As her experience grew, she took on the role of Section Representative. In this role, she represented and still represents our local SWE chapter to the national SWE community.

I admire Debarati's ability to set her goals high, prioritize, and take the steps necessary to realize those goals. In addition to her leadership role within SWE, she has also elected to become involved in employee engagement groups within her company, Rockwell Collins, and has earned her MBA from the University of Iowa with distinction while working full time. Her energy and commitment to what she is passionate about translates to the workplace. It is clear that Debarati seeks to have a positive impact within the Aerospace Engineering industry. She has already generated positive results in her role as a Systems Engineer at Rockwell Collins, and transitioned to a deserved leadership role within her team.

I am confident that Debarati will continue to excel in any endeavor she chooses. Along the way, she will build positive relationships and mentor those that she can because that is part of the strength of her character. It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Debarati for this prestigious award.

Sincerely,

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