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2013 Chancellor's Award Selection Committee Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education PO Box 302130 Montgomery, AL 36130-2130

## **Dear Committee Members:**

Let all who peruse this missive know that while many times we attend to Letters of Recommendation for individuals, there are times when we offer these letters for the truly exceptional, exemplary colleague. I am, therefore, offering this Letter of Recommendation for Ms. Tennie Sanders-McBryde (PhD Candidate, Walden University), Director of Admissions & Records, H. Councill Trenholm State Technical College, as a nominee for the 2013 Chancellor's Award. I have known and worked closely with Ms. Sanders-McBryde for the past 14 years on several college projects, as well as collaboratively on a daily-basis to accomplish the mission of the institution.

Ms. Sanders-McBryde has been instrumental in the process to streamline student admissions, moving the college from a paper-based format to a data-driven web process. This redesign has provided students access to records, enrollment, classes, and resources without the proverbial need for students to be on-site to complete the majority of these items. Moreover, when students are in need of college services to support their enrollment requirements, Ms. Sanders-McBryde is the quintessential resource that faculty, staff, and administrators rely upon to meet and exceed student expectations. She has become an exceptional leader in these areas of institutional operations. Due to her leadership acumen, Enrollment Management has improved significantly.

In addition to her exceptional contributions to the college, she is heavily involved in the community and City of Montgomery. She is: a graduate of Leadership Montgomery, Class XXVI; a Leadership Montgomery Board of Directors member; currently pursuing her doctorate in education at Walden University; a contributor to the community by participating in or leading several community service events or projects; volunteers her time to support student orientation at Trenholm State as a presenter; is the President of the Alabama Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (ALACRAO); an active member of her local Church; a Member of the Auburn University Montgomery Alumni Association; and, a published author in the Community College Journal of Research and Practice. While Ms. Sanders-McBryde is dedicated to these commendable areas of service, she is a critical asset to H. Councill Trenholm State Technical College in her leadership role as Director of Admissions & Records.

As a nominee for the 2013 Chancellor's Award, I can think of no one more deserving for this prestigious award. Ms. Sanders-McBryde was instrumental in the leadership required to establish a process at the college that enables students to begin their success long before they reach their respective classrooms. These students may not remember her name, but they are the direct recipients of her efforts to ensure their success. In 28 years as an educator, I have met many excellent individuals in the Alabama Community College System; however, there are some people that rise to the level of 'most admired' because of their work-ethic, attitude, and outcomes. Ms. Tennie Sanders-McBryde is in the category of 'most admired' throughout the Alabama Community College System.

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To reiterate, Ms. Sanders-McBryde has distinguished herself in the work that she has accomplished on behalf of the college to promote student success. She may not hear accolades from students; however, those of us who work with her on a daily basis surely know of and will offer affirmation of her significant and positive contributions to the Alabama Community College System. I most highly recommend my colleague, Tennie Sanders-McBryde, as a most deserving individual who has given so much to the students in the State of Alabama. It would give me great pleasure to talk further about her contributions to the two-year college system, the local community, and the State of Alabama as our students pursue careers or further their education.

Best regards,

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