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To Whom It May Concern,

As a representative of the Women in Data Science (WiDS) Chicago leadership team, I would like to commend Dr. Ifeoma Ozodiegwu for her contribution the WiDS Data Dive, held on March 15, 2020 at Northwestern University. The mission of the Data Dive was to support the Greater Chicago Area Red Cross in analyzing and visualizing their incident data. Dr. Ozodiegwu coordinated and led a team of Northwestern affiliates with various levels of expertise in Data Science to generate a heat map of fire incidents in Englewood, and their spatial point locations, which was presented to representatives of the Red Cross; with the goal of informing planned interventions.

Dr. Ozodiegwu's skill in engaging students and enhancing their learning was evident in the activities she undertook to prepare the team for the data dive. This including organizing a team call, assisting team members to implement their ideas, and writing and sharing scripts that enhanced the team's work. We are impressed with the quality of her work and we believe that she will make an important contribution within any leadership role.

Sincerely,

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Abby Smith