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Dr. Richard L. Edwards  
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Re: NSEE Letter of Commendation for Rutgers doctoral student Rasheda Simpson-Weaver

Dear Dr. Edwards,

In preparation for its 2014 annual conference, entitled "Civic Engagement & Global Learning for the 21st Century", the National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE) put out a call to students across the nation to submit and present a poster conceptualizing their engagement in an experiential learning project. Ms. Rasheda Simpson-Weaver, doctoral student in your Department of Public Policy and Administration, submitted a proposal pertinent to the 2014 NSEE conference theme and was chosen to be included in this year's conference Student Poster Session in Baltimore.

We are pleased to inform you that Ms. Simpson-Weaver received a Commendation of Excellence for her poster entitled, "*South Sudanese Asylum Seekers in Israel*". At the conference, Rasheda made a compelling and articulate presentation of both her experiential activity and the civic and global learning gained from it.

Because student participation at educational conferences such as ours constitutes an impactful experiential learning opportunity for students, we at NSEE believe that you can be proud of the professionalism with which Rasheda presented her work and represented Rutgers.

The vision of NSEE is "...the establishment of effective methods of experiential education as fundamental to the development of the knowledge, skills and attitudes that empower learners and promote the common good." As such, NSEE's mission—"to cultivate educators who effectively use experiential education as an integral part of personal, professional, civic and global learning"—is one we hope you will actively support at your institution.

Your student's outstanding work is a testament to the quality of experiential learning programs offered at Rutgers. NSEE congratulates you in these endeavors and thanks you for supporting your student's contribution to making NSEE's 2014 annual conference a success.

Sincerely,

James E. Colbert, Jr. Ph.D.  
President, National Society for Experiential Education