December 5, 2017



To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to express my support for Othneil Drew in applying for this scholarship opportunity. I have observed Mr. Drew at Texas Southern University for the past semester and I enjoy working with him and am happy to be able to provide this recommendation.

I have great respect for Mr. Drew as both an individual and a professional; I am confident that he deserves this scholarship. When I first met Mr. Drew, he took upon himself 21 college credit hours as a college freshman – 3 hours above the maximum allowed freshman credit hours of 18. Although challenging, his dedication throughout the entire semester has led to successfully passing all of his courses. After all, he stated: "I did not come to college to party, but to receive an education." In addition to his outstanding work ethic in the classroom, he has also been heavily involved in promoting the Flight Program at Texas Southern University, assisting with redesigning the Aviation Department website, making recruitment brochures/flyers, and being executive producer of the TSU's flight training videos.

Throughout my experience, I have met very few students with such a vast array of knowledge and skills as Mr. Drew. I have personally witnessed him teach himself how to program computers in less than eight months; this led him to create one of the top flight training platforms for student pilots called Student Pilot Portal. Mr. Drew continues to astound me with how quickly he can learn and apply new skills.

I am aware of Mr. Drew's knowledge, work ethic, and abilities, I am also familiar with his career goal and I know just how much receiving this scholarship award means to him. Receiving such an award will provide important financial support allowing him to obtain the additional education necessary to earn his Aviation Science college degree and pilot certifications. I truly cannot think of anyone more deserving and I wholeheartedly support his application.

I am confident that you will be just as impressed with Othneil Drew as I am and I urge you to consider him for this scholarship award. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information regarding Mr. Drew. You may reach me at 713-313-1867 or edwardsrs@tsu.edu.

Regards,

Captain Roscoe S. Edwards
Director of Flight Operations