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2019 Winner: Craig Whitton

David B. Stephen Distinguished Service Award

To Whom It May Concern:

The prestigious David B. Stephen Award recognizes a member of NWACUHO who, over their years of service, has provided outstanding and distinguished contributions to our Association. I am writing today to advocate that Craig Whitton receive the award in 2019 due to his contributions to NWACUHO and its members.

Craig has been a professional in the region since 2010 and currently serves as the Student Resolution Officer at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. Craig served as the Alberta State and Provincial Representative on the Board from 2013-2015 and was elected to the NWACUHO Presidential Trio in February of 2016 where he served until 2018. During his time as President, Craig brought our association to Spokane, WA for the 2017 Annual Conference and notably instituted an online training curriculum for the Board Onboarding program. Having initially used a resource available only to him, he then took the time following his time on the Board to complete a transition of the training materials to Google Classroom so the successful program could continue beyond his time on the board. He was also pivotal in executing the launch of the NWACUHO Endowment in 2017 and the 2017-2021 Association Master Plan.

Craig is unapologetically himself, and genuine in his interactions with everyone he meets and works with. Having served on the Board with Craig for five years and under his leadership while he was President, I can honestly say that one would be hard-pressed to find someone that better embodies the love and passion that David B. Stephen shared with this profession.

I give my highest recommendation to Craig Whitton to be honored in the name of David B. Stephen in 2019.

Sincerely,

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