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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jay Akridge
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

FROM: Karen Plaut *Karen Plaut*
Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture

DATE: August 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Jim and Lois Ackerman Professor in Agricultural Economics

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Maria Marshall, Professor of Agricultural Economics, for appointment as the Jim and Lois Ackerman Professor in Agricultural Economics.

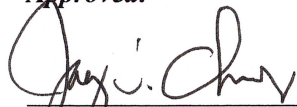
Dr. Marshall is a leading scholar in the areas of family business and rural economic development. She is the founder and director of the Purdue Institute for Family Business (PIFB). Dr. Marshall has a well-rounded portfolio contributing impressively to all aspects of the land-grant mission. She publishes in top tier journals, is successful in her grant activity, is an outstanding teacher, and synergistically integrates her research and teaching into her extension program. She is recognized as a leader in her field as is exemplified by the number of awards she has received over the years, including five in the last four years.

Dr. Marshall, along with other faculty, successfully competed and were awarded the USDA North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCD), an organization for which Dr. Marshall will serve as co-director. Dr. Marshall was a key reason why Purdue was awarded this honor. As indicated in Dr. Brian Whitacre's letter, "Her history of excellence in extension work suggests that she will provide outstanding leadership for this effort, and that she will continue to be an important fixture in the economic development field for years to come."

Attached you will find Dr. Maria Marshall's recommendation letter from Dr. Jason Henderson on behalf of the Ackerman Chair review committee, full CV, support letters and abbreviated CV. I hope that you will agree that Dr. Marshall is worthy of this distinction and that you will in turn recommend her to the Board of Trustees for the Jim and Lois Ackerman Professor in Agricultural Economics.

Thank you for your consideration.

Approved:

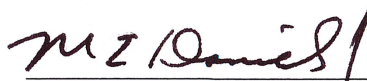


Jay T. Akridge, Executive Vice President for
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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., President

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