

Dear National President Bethanie,
Please consider this letter recommending NVP Chris Thompson for the Don Cavelli Memorial Award for Outstanding National Vice President.

Chris has been a source of support for our state throughout the year. His attendance at Growth Academy was not a state request, but something he chose and funded on his own, to show up for our state in support, connect with members, and see what incredible things JCI Michigan is accomplishing. In that weekend, aside from taking off his NVP hat, assuming a role as a participant and letting our members take the reigns in the leadership roles, he also faced and conquered his fear of heights.

A big part of his role as National Vice President is helping the State Presidents with what their needs are, advising them, and cheering them on. He did just that, making sure I had all the tools I needed, listening when I just needed to get something off my chest, offering perspective and advice as I was considering my next move, cheering me on (as a friend, not in his official role as NVP) during my own campaign for NVP, and reminding me in the tough moments to stay strong and have confidence in myself and my actions.

He attended JCI Michigan's Fall Conference (this time as an official state visit), and led an incredibly impactful training on obtaining sponsorships. Our members have taken some of his insights into their home chapters to add to their larger projects. He spent the whole weekend networking with Michigan members, encouraging them, and getting them additional resources.

He has had calls with individual chapters and members when they requested as well. He has really gone above and beyond in showing up for our state and our members.

Sincerely,
Kayleigh Gratz
101st President, JCI Michigan