

Recommendation Letter for Outstanding Local Program Manager Award

Nominee: Celeste Ross

Role: Chaplain

To the Awards Committee,

It is my honor to submit this letter of recommendation for Celeste Ross for the Outstanding Local Program Manager Award in recognition of her exemplary service and leadership as Chaplain.

Throughout her term, Celeste Ross demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the well being, unity, and morale of her chapter. As Chaplain, she went far beyond the traditional expectations of the role by fostering a culture of care, inclusion, and intentional connection among members. Her presence was consistently felt through meaningful reflections, thoughtful moments of encouragement, and her ability to bring members together during both celebrations and challenges.

Celeste played a vital role in strengthening the chapter's sense of community by creating safe and supportive spaces where members felt valued and heard. She approached her responsibilities with empathy, professionalism, and authenticity, ensuring that every member knew they belonged and mattered. Her leadership helped reinforce the emotional and relational foundation that is essential for a thriving local organization.

In addition to her pastoral responsibilities, Celeste served as a trusted leader and steady influence within the chapter. Her reliability, compassion, and positive spirit made her an invaluable asset to the leadership team and the membership at large. She consistently led by example, embodying the values and mission of Junior Chamber International through service, integrity, and care for others.

Celeste Ross exemplifies the qualities of an Outstanding Local Program Manager. Her impact as Chaplain has left a lasting imprint on the chapter and its members. I offer my strongest recommendation for her recognition with this award.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Thompson

2025 JCI USA National Vice President