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Dear IPP Bethanie,

It is my honor to recommend Morgan (Tedder) Ogden for the Don Cavelli Memorial Award for the Most Outstanding National Vice President. Morgan's leadership, communication, and dedication made a meaningful and lasting impact on the states she served.

Morgan was our state's biggest cheerleader. She ensured that both large and small states felt valued, heard, and supported. Meeting leaders where they were regardless of experience level or need. Her ability to balance encouragement with guidance allowed members and leaders alike to feel confident and empowered.

Morgan demonstrated exceptional administration and communication skills. She held regular meetings with her assigned group and kept everyone informed in real time through consistent updates and an active group chat. When she did not immediately have an answer to a question, she took the initiative to find the appropriate information and documentation to ensure clarity and accuracy.

Throughout the year, Morgan was present for every high and low. She served as a listening ear, a sounding board, and at times simply a supportive friend, whatever was needed in the moment. She ensured her State Presidents felt supported not only as leaders, but as people. Her commitment extended beyond formal responsibilities. Even if she was not able to be there in person she remained in constant communication, making I was taking care of myself as well as my members. Her continued care, follow-up, and encouragement demonstrated that her commitment was genuine and lasting.

Morgan also helped keep us on track during conventions, ensuring we knew where we needed to be and what was happening at each stage. Our group functioned as a mini team within the larger organization, similar to a State Vice President team or Chapter Board, and Morgan fostered an environment of openness and respect, even during difficult moments, ensuring collaboration and trust remained strong.

One moment that stands out occurred during the busy Illinois Fourth of July travel week. Morgan made it a priority to be present with my board and members, during travel and at events. During that time, questions arose surrounding national-level elections involving our Illinois candidate. Morgan put my state first, allowing me to lead my team and maintaining professionalism and humor in a potentially divisive situation. She reinforced that it was *their* race, not ours, and ensured that it never impacted our communication, relationship, or her unwavering support of Illinois.

Morgan (Tedder) Ogden exemplifies outstanding leadership, motivation, and inspiration of members, has had a strong impact on projects, actively participated in state and national events, and consistently modeled JCI USA values. She always saw the person behind the name tag and responded with compassion, professionalism, and purpose.

In Jaycee Spirit,

Lanna Bartko
Chairman of the Board
94th State President
Illinois Jaycees