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To Whom it May Concern,

Professor Prud'homme is my favorite professor at Washington College, and the favorite professor of many of my friends at the College. His classes have quickly become a hot ticket on campus, overfilling as soon as they open during registration period. This is because of his engaging teaching style and conspicuous concern for his students.

I in particular am very honored to be a Junior Fellow of the Institute he directs called the Institute for Religion, Politics, and Culture. This is an experience that has made my decision to attend Washington College one of the best in my life. I never expected this level of scholastic engagement with a professor. I was recruited to the College from Pennsylvania as an honors student. I had high expectations—but my work with professor Prud'homme has been beyond what I ever thought possible .

I had the opportunity to meet for a meal with a distinguished professor from Oxford, and to be involved in so many of the activities of the Institute this year. Moreover professor Prud'homme and I are working intensely on a project that will appear in a book by professor Prud'homme and which I shall present to a conference at Oxford University in May. The topic is most intriguing. We are exploring the work of Rev. Thomas Bray, an Anglican clergyman in 17th century Maryland who was a defender of a certain understanding of the way religion and politics should relate, one that we argue has relevance for contemporary life. We meet regularly and I have been able to contribute to the project through extensive meetings with professor Prud'homme throughout the academic year.

My experiences as a Junior Fellow of the Institute have been amazing, and I am now more poised than ever to continue my studies at the graduate level. I wish to thank Professor Prud'homme and the Apgar Foundation for their generous support.

Sincerely,

Washington College Student