

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD 2005 (Nominated by Brian Dew)

It is my honor to write this letter of support for Ms. Anneliese Singh's nomination for the 2005 AGLBIC Graduate Student Award. I have known this candidate for three years, having worked with her in a variety of supervisory, mentoring, and professional capacities. In all my years as a Counselor Educator, I have yet to meet a student who has done more to heighten awareness with regards to social justice, including issues related to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, questioning, and intersex (GLBTQI) individuals.

Her effectiveness in advocating for equality for all individuals is rooted in the immense respect she has earned from GLBTQI and non-GLBTQI individuals. She is one of the few individuals who has the ability to appeal to "both sides" of the aisle while simultaneously bringing them together. I have witnessed her ability to do this with faculty, students, and staff within our department. I have also seen her be the driving force in organizing and directing our inaugural AGLBIC Day of Learning (more than 80 individuals attended) which focused on issues relevant to sexual minorities and those individuals who care for them.

Ms. Singh has also displayed a commitment to the Counseling profession by volunteering her time and energy to AGLBIC by serving as the first-ever multicultural consultant. Her guidance in this role has helped the board to modify its mission statement to contain more inclusive language while embracing a multicultural emphasis. As President Elect of AGLBIC, I hope to continue to include this nominee in future endeavors of this division as she truly is a future star for both our organization and the American Counseling Association.