

**Name: Kidjie Boyer**

**Nominated by: Michelle Lopez-Rios**

Dear Nominating Committee,

I write this letter with enormous enthusiasm on behalf of Kidjie Boyer. Kidjie is incredibly generous, innovative, and dedicated to creating an excellent community. Her incredible maturity and passion are an important part of our community.

Kidjie has been my assistant for three years at DePaul. She is always on time, prepared, and willing to do anything to help. Over the years she has gone from filing and typing to completely handling projects on her own.

As Artistic Director of Chicago Playworks for The Theatre School, I interact with many artists around the country and plan the season for young audiences. Kidjie interacts with artistic directors and playwrights on my behalf and is an exceptional representative of DePaul University. She also does research of new plays that address our mission on inclusivity and representation. She also reads plays and writes summaries of the play and the pros and cons of producing the pieces at DePaul, keeping in mind our mission and goals for our students.

Kidjie assists with my preparation for classes. Using her experience in the program, she has gathered new material for classes, focusing on diversity and representation. And, of course, there are also the mundane tasks of making copies and attendance sheets.

Finally, Kidjie has helped facilitate important conversations and ways of taking care of our community. She works with Kristina Fluty to publish a weekly "Take Care TTS" newsletter of resources and readings. She offers her perspective on student workload and aspirations. We often have long discussions on racism, the industry and ways we can change things. I take the lessons I learn from her into wider discussions in the university and industry.

Kidjie works four jobs, and performs brilliantly in the BFA acting program. She works tirelessly to better herself and all that is around her. I admire and respect her deeply. When she graduates this year, I will deeply miss her. I nominate Kidjie Boyer with great enthusiasm and hope that she will be recognized for all of her contributions.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Lopez-Rios