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Dear Award Committee Members-

I am writing this letter to nominate Cheri Young for the Distinguished Teaching Award. Cheri has been a tremendous support system of mine since the first class I took with her back when I was a sophomore. There are many great qualities about Cheri as a professor, but what really sets her apart from others is her compassion and love for her students. Cheri encourages her students to meet with her to discuss projects and papers, and she always gives her students extra attention as long as they are willing. I have personally gone to Cheri's office several times, and she has never refrained from going through each assignment in detail with me. Not only that, Cheri is always looking for the "spark" in her students, she is always looking ahead and seeing the potential in each and every one of us before we even know it.

My personal experience with Cheri the past three years has led me to credit her with more than respect. I look up to Cheri and I trust her, I feel as if she always has my best interest in mind. Cheri's classes are very structured, organized, and challenging. She never ceases to give her students a challenge in and out of the classroom. Her teaching style is intense and filled with meaningful information; however, because Cheri is so great at communication with her students, I always felt that I could excel in her class as long as I was willing to take the extra time to talk to her.

I believe that a great professor is not only someone who can transfer knowledge to his/her student, a great professor is someone who makes the effort to get to know each student and understand his/her strengths and weaknesses. Cheri demonstrates both of the above qualities, and as someone who looks up to her as a mentor, I strongly believe that Cheri is the best candidate for this award and I am excited to see her continue to excel in her teaching career.

Sincerely,

Jeanna Hine