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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to support Mrs. Evin Fox for the honor of receiving the Professor of Merit award. I have had the joy and satisfaction of having Evin as a professor at CSI, as well as collaborating successfully with her within the CSI TEACH Club. Evin is a terrific educator, mentor and advisor and I believe that she deserves this high honor because of her cooperative spirit, professional attitude, and caring disposition which go above and beyond a teacher’s duty.

Within the Foundations of Education class, an elaborate class discussion identified traits of a great teacher as enthusiastic, passionate, fun, active, caring, considerate, encouraging, consistent, approachable, and many more. As I looked at the vast list my class had constructed, I realized that the professor standing in front of the class demonstrated all of these attributes. Professor Evin Fox has a wonderful rapport with people of all ages. Her ability to connect with her students and her talent at teaching simple concepts, as well as more advanced topics, are both truly superior. She has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is extremely organized, reliable and computer literate.

As an international student-athlete, Evin was extremely supportive and considerate of my personal wellbeing and went out of her way to ensure that I felt at home and comfortable. Evin is known to provide an individualized approach in educating her students in order to bring out the best in them, inside and outside the classroom. Additionally, Evin possess a friendly, welcoming attitude, which allows her to effortlessly form relationships with all of her students and it is clearly evident that she cares about her student’s education and lives. She would celebrate our figurative, and in my case literal, wins with us and would provide us with support and assistance throughout our challenges.

Evin also served as a mentor for a great number of students. Personally, I admire Evin immensely. Throughout observing her unique teaching style and listening to her recollections of teaching successes and failures, I had acquired ideas, strategies and techniques that I plan on implementing in my future classroom. Evin is extremely passionate about her profession and this is obvious to all who spend a few minutes within her classroom. Her demeanour is one which is both positive and professional which allows students to relate to her whilst still maintaining the appropriate level of sophistication.

Within the Foundation of Education class, the main assignment was our Autobiographical Essay (ABE). Evin presented this assignment in a fashion that was easy to understand and also extremely manageable. I respected how she required us to initially present our ideas for the ABE in a PowerPoint presentation to the class. Through presenting our ideas to the class in this format, we were able to gain valuable practise at speaking in front of peers, as well as organizing our thoughts; however most importantly I believe these presentations allowed us to build a sense of community within our class. A sense of community within a class is invaluable, especially in a class of introverts, because it meant that people were more open and confident to voice their opinions. Additionally, I admired how Evin genuinely wants everyone to achieve the best possible results. There are not very many professors I know of that would accept unlimited draft copies in order for each individual to excel and improve their work. This is just one of the many examples of where Evin goes above and beyond the call of duty.

In summary, I highly recommend Dr. Fox for professor of merit due to her unbelievable talent and work ethic in her profession. Her teaching and mentoring has been life changing to me, and I am incredibly grateful to have had the pleasure of having her as a professor.

Sincerely,

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