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From: Center for Teaching Excellence <cte@miamioh.edu>
Date: Thu, Jan 16, 2020 at 2:08 PM
Subject: Faculty Staff Commendations
To: <SAMBHACK@miamioh.edu>

Dear Chaitanya Sambhara:

At the end of the 2018-19 academic year, Miami University asked graduating students (undergraduates and graduate students) to complete a survey when they confirmed their mailing address for their diplomas. Among the prompts on the survey were:

- Please identify any faculty or staff members who made a positive impact on your learning and development while at Miami University. This information will be used to send letters of commendation to faculty and staff.
- Please share a brief explanation of how the individual(s) identified above made a positive impact on your learning and development.

As a university we can be proud of the large number of students who were able to identify specific faculty/staff who influenced their learning and development. Not all students left specific comments, and we do not know the names or identities of the respondents. However, students said the following things about the impact that you have had on them:

COMMENT: He would do anything for a student. Was always very patient and taught me not only about coding but also about life.

OMMENT: Provided ample opportunity to take part in hands on learning for both SQL and Python. He really gave me a strong foundation with SQL, which allowed me to excel and exceed expectations at both of my internships that I had while at Miami.

OMMENT: This teacher was the first professor to ever push me to want to learn material. The way he organized his class made for a very interactive environment and the most real-world experience possible. With this class I single handedly felt more prepared for a job than others,

OMMENT: Helped me learn programming which was something I had never done before and gave me great advice during his office hours, which lead me to consider going to grad school.

OMMENT: Helped get me excited about analytics in 245. Introduced me to Python in ISA 281. Great teaching style, really cares about student learning, great guy.

OMMENT: Professor Chai was one of the many professors in the ISA Department that brought enjoyment to a challenging and often dull subject. His class was always fun to attend, and he worked incredibly hard to provide me with a solid understanding of the course material. He also nominated me for an integrity award, and I appreciate him for going above and beyond his duties to help me grow as a human being.

OMMENT: Best teacher I had at Miami. He was engaged and cared about his students and generally got me interested in programming in python.

OMMENT: Dr. Chai had possibly my favorite teaching styles I experienced while in college and it helped me learn so much in what is typically a challenging course in ISA 281. Dr. Chai was a very helpful resource to me while searching for jobs and internships after taking his course.

We have copied this message to your supervisor. Please feel free to share this information with additional supervisors and anyone else whom you believe should receive it. Tweet it (#MiamiOHCommendations @MiamiCTE). Post it. Share it. Spread the word. We are so proud of you!

On behalf of Miami, I want to express our gratitude for the work that you have done to positively influence our students' education. Student's growth in knowledge, skills, and habits of mind has made a meaningful difference in their lives and will positively affect others in their communities. Please know that your commitment to students and their learning is valued, and you are to be heartily congratulated on the honor of receiving a commendation. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ellen Yeziarski

Director

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This letter will be sent to:

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