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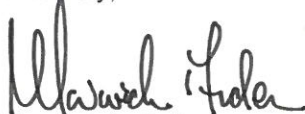
Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Office of Faculty Development maintains the Thank a Teacher Program as a way to honor NC State faculty who have made a difference in students' lives. One of your students has provided these comments to thank you for your efforts and positive impact as a teacher.

Taking Kelly's course was one of the most academically influential experiences I've had in my life. It was my first semester at NCSU, and I was hyper aware of my status as a non-traditional transfer student. At the time, I was in the College of Agriculture, thinking that if I tried hard enough, I could force myself into a passion for agriculture. Lucky for me, I happened to be in Kelly's EC 201 class that semester, and his energy, enthusiasm, and brilliant passion helped me to fall in love with the field of Economics. Kelly was such an influential instructor for 2 reasons. First, he was always available to support my blossoming economic curiosities, and second, he was very supportive in helping me overcome my academic insecurities. His lectures were interesting and in-depth, and he respected the intelligence of his students by speaking to us as capable peers. He intentionally varied his teaching to help students of different learning styles understand the material, and he was always willing to go into more depth if a curious student wanted to know more. I was often in his office hours asking him questions about how I could learn the material further, and he always made himself available to discuss topics and research beyond the scope of the course. In being so respectful and patient with me, I felt as if I were a potential peer of his, and that I was capable of gaining knowledge and schooling beyond the undergraduate level (and I am now seriously considering graduate school!). Before meeting Kelly, I was reluctant and shy about my aspirations and capabilities, and I am grateful that he helped me to see beyond these insecurities. When I completed his class and declared my intention to transfer into PCOM to study Economics, he connected me with the proper channels to help make my aspirations a reality. -- Ari Alexandrescu

Your efforts with this student are a reflection of your dedication to teaching and learning. I congratulate you on this recognition and offer my sincere appreciation for your work with students at NC State.

Sincerely,



Warwick A. Arden
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

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cc: Lee Craig, Frank Buckless