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To Whom It May Concern:

I was not surprised when I recently learned that Professor David Lang had been nominated for an SSIS Outstanding Teacher Award. He is a deserving candidate for this honor, and I would like to offer my recommendation.

I am a recent graduate of California State University, Sacramento and had the pleasure of taking two courses with Professor Lang during my senior year. One of those classes was the Economic Research Methods class required for all economics majors. Research Methods is a class that can only become what one makes of it. In my case, it was one of the best classes of my academic career because the instructor was Professor Lang.

Professor Lang is an inspiring teacher who is always understanding, available, and willing to help. I am the type of student that always has questions and, whether it was during class or after hours, by e-mail, telephone or face to face, Professor Lang was always there to answer questions and give feedback. Under his guidance, I watched my research project change from a jumble of unorganized thoughts to one of the greatest and most insightful papers that I have ever written.

It was not only in the classroom that Professor Lang demonstrated his supportive and giving character. On two occasions, he assisted me with academic matters that were completely unrelated to the current course. The first of these cases involved the transfer of certain economics courses from my semester overseas. As an academic advisor, he was able to guide me in the right direction to get all of the credits that I had taken. He later advised me as to which classes to take in order to finish my degree. The other situation regarded my application to law school. Professor Lang was behind me with advice and suggestions regarding everything from the selection of law schools to my personal statement. When I was accepted to Seton Hall University with a full academic scholarship, he was one of the first people with whom I shared the good news.

Professor Lang is an outstanding candidate for the SSIS Outstanding Teacher Award. His helpful and giving character exemplify those qualities that make a great teacher, but it is his giving nature that makes him a unique and special edition to the CSUS faculty. I found him to be an inspiring role model and know that my experience at CSUS would not have been the same without him.

Sincerely,

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