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To Whom It May Concern:

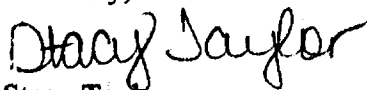
I am writing this letter, in the hope, that an excellent teacher will receive the recognition he deserves. I recently finished taking an economics course over the summer semester-- my instructor was David Lang. Usually evaluations are handed out to the students at the end of a course, however, Mr. Lang was not given any evaluations to hand out. I was very disappointed, as I had wanted to share with the administration and Mr. Lang how impressed I was with his instruction.

I have already received a B.A. and am currently pursuing a second degree in Special Education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. I have taken many courses through UMSL and St. Louis Community Colleges and have had my share of good and poor instructors. It is rare, however, that you find an exceptional instructor and that is what I found in Mr. Lang.

As a future educator I appreciate those instructors who are not only knowledgeable but who can also *teach*. I not only learned a lot about economics while taking this course but about teaching as well. I can not express to you how much I dreaded taking economics- it was of no interest to me. Mr. Lang personalized economics and showed each and every student how it affects their lives. He actually made learning about economics interesting and enjoyable. I even caught myself tuning into CNN to listen to Alan Greenspan! Mr. Lang also made me realize how imperative it is to have a basic understanding of economic policies. I now feel confident that I will make good educated choices about the policies that affect myself and my community.

I also appreciate that the course was challenging enough to make me think! I have taken too many courses where the information is gone the minute the final exam is over. I have recommended this course to a few of my classmates at UMSL and they have already signed up to take it this fall. Mr. Lang is a wonderful instructor and an asset to your college.

Sincerely,



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