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Dear Dr. Debose,

I was pleased to find out that Dr. Jerry Schutte has been nominated for the CSUN Distinguished Teaching Award for 2011-2012. I think he is very deserving of this award and so below please find my letter of support on his behalf.

I had the privilege of having Jerry last semester for the graduate level advanced statistics course and I thought that he was an inspirational instructor. He has the ability to explain concepts in various ways, as well as the patience to stick by our side until we finally reach our own understanding of the complex subject matter.

I was impressed with the way he incorporated technology into our curriculum, from his course website that contained various instructional links and enabled us to keep organized on our assignments, to the use of the virtual lab that gave us round-the-clock access to SPSS and AMOS.

I know that the advanced statistics class was recently added to the sociology graduate curriculum, and I am grateful to Jerry for the training I received in this subject area. It was one of the more challenging classes I've taken, in terms of subject matter, but I thought that Jerry gave us the tools we needed to be successful through his lectures, assignments and our semester project. I am currently in the advanced quantitative methods course and I am finding myself adequately prepared for it after having had Jerry as an instructor.

In short, I found Jerry's kindness, patience, dedication and statistics expertise to be the mark of a Distinguished Professor. He is certainly deserving of this award.

Sincerely,
Sarah Luery