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Dear Dean Fee,

I wanted to write to you about my experience attending courses in your department. Without any elaboration it has been one of the best experiences in my educational career. I can quite honestly say I've never felt more supported, by both my professors and the department.

I took math courses from Andy Yu (015), Adam Eckenrode (041), and Nicole Ledesma (120). Each of them was supportive. All of them would stay after class if scheduling permitted, offer additional help via e-mail, office hours, or extra office hours. Each of them had diligently prepared a curriculum that put things into a frame of reference that would resonate with students. And in my case, each was empathetic to my challenges as a disabled student.

I was delighted when Professor Eckenrode was given tenure. He's a great asset to students, and I'm sure to the faculty too. His teaching methods gave me new study skills.

I want to offer extra praise for my last professor, Nicole Ledesma. Not only is she a great instructor, but she is clearly invested in her students' success. She's just as passionate about teaching, as she is about being a compassionate human being.

I first met you when my DSS counselor had told me to register for the wrong course and it was only the result of conversation with Professor Yu that I was led to question it. I was grateful for your kindness, for taking the time to sit down with me, and for helping me to get pointed in the right direction. And thanks for recommending Professor Eckenrode. I never had so much fun in math. [...]

Thank you for creating such a wonderful educational environment. I don't know if you were behind the development of the MLC, but that is an amazing resource.

With sincere gratitude,

Inge Ami Fleischman, RN on her way to BSN and MSN!