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## Fw: Letter of appreciation regarding Dr. Alexis, instructor of Math 2X03

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Hello Drs. MacDonald, Protas, Pelinovsky, and McNicholas,

We (classmates copied) are writing this email to voice our sincere gratitude for Dr. Alexis and the excellence he displayed this semester as our professor for Math 2X03, both inside, and outside the classroom.

First and foremost, Dr. Alexis' passion for teaching math is evident in every lecture. He takes special care to break down complex topics in a digestible manner, moves through the course material at a tempo that is easy to follow, and above all, enjoys his work.

One aspect of his teaching style we most appreciated was the 'you try' examples he regularly reviews in class. These drills entail Dr. Alexis tasking us with a practice problem from the textbook and pausing the lecture for a few minutes while we attempt to solve the question with his guidance as he walks around the class and through discussion with our peers. During these exercises, Dr. Alexis demonstrates an intuition for recognizing students struggling with any problem. He is always more than happy to clearly and concisely explain both in a one-on-one setting and in class.

Outside the classroom, Dr. Alexis is hugely accommodating and goes above and beyond to make himself accessible. It is common for him to stay with students for thirty minutes or more after the lecture is over. This includes answering questions, discussing lecture topics helping students with assignment problems. Furthermore, he is always ready to meet his students outside his typically scheduled office hours, be it for discussing course material or other academic matters, and regularly hosts extra office hours upon request.

found confusing beforehand. Additionally, he is very reasonable and understanding with extensions, allowing students a fair amount of extra time to complete assignments when requested.

Dr. Alexis's approach is precisely the kind we would love to have in all of our math classes, and we were astonished and disappointed to learn we may not have him for any other courses. We hope that decision-makers in the department do their very best to hire Dr. Alexis and others of his caliber to teach us in future classes.

Have a great day!

Students of Math 2X03, section 2