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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to nominate Dr. Ehsan Kamalinejad for recognition by the Faculty Awards subcommittee of the Faculty Affairs Committee, for the category of Outstanding Faculty Mentor of Students. From the moment I entered one of Dr. Kamalinejad's classes, I noticed something extraordinary about him, which goes beyond his passion for the subject. He truly cares about the success and learning of his students.

After attending his office hours for my own support, my prior observations of Ehsan were only further solidified. By the end of my first course (of many) taken under Ehsan's instruction, he invited me to participate in research work under his mentorship, alongside a handful of students. I was inspired, and immediately agreed to begin weekly meetings with him for research-related meetings.

I have now been working with Ehsan for some time, towards research pertaining to Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, subjects of which, prior to my time with Ehsan, I had only a superficial understanding. He serves well as a strong source of leadership, demonstrating both support and direction for my studies.

Based on these experiences with him, I am nominating Dr. Kamalinejad for Outstanding Faculty Mentor of Students.

Sincerely yours,

Nicholas M. Rebhun