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To whom it may concern:

I would like to recommend Luca DiGiovanni for a departmental award this year. He was a student in my differential equations class last fall, and he was a pleasure to teach. He has a natural talent for figuring things out. Differential equations require thought patterns unfamiliar to most students at this level and Luca responded well to the challenge. He showed he could do the mental calisthenics needed and be flexible in his approach to a problem. I believe these qualities will serve him well in pursuing mathematics and may be two of the most important ones needed. He was also willing to demonstrate a problem on the board for the other students and showed creativity and good problem-solving skills. He received an A in the class.

Luca is very personable and worked well with other members of the class which contributed to the success of the class as a whole. He was eager to participate in classroom activities, which I appreciated very much as his teacher. I often let the students explore ways of solving problems in an attempt to have them discover things on their own, and Luca was always willing to try something new.

I think Luca will be a credit to our department and university. As I mentioned above, I believe Luca's mental openness and natural curiosity make him ideally suited to study mathematics, and I hope you will consider him for an award to encourage him to continue in his efforts.

Sincerely,

Julie Bowers Lassiter