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To whom it may concern:

I would like to recommend Emily Torricelli for a departmental award this year. I had Emily in my differential equations class last fall, and she was a pleasure to teach. She works very hard, but also has a natural talent for figuring things out. Differential equations require thought patterns unfamiliar to most students at this level and Emily responded well to the challenge. All homework was turned in on time and correct, and she performed well on tests and quizzes. She was also willing to demonstrate a problem on the board for the other students and showed creativity and good problem-solving skills. Her performance in the class put her in the top two percent.

I believe Emily's mental openness and perseverance in difficult assignments make her ideally suited to study mathematics. I often let the students explore ways of solving problems in an attempt to have them discover things on their own. Emily was always open to this and seemed to enjoy the challenge.

I highly recommend Emily for an award. I believe she will be a credit to our department and university, and I hope you will consider her so she will be encouraged to continue in her efforts.

Sincerely,

Julie Bowers Lassiter