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Dear Shivam Kamboj,

Thank you for your participation in the Learning Assistant - Reflection, Guidance & Exploration (LA-RGE) professional development session during the Spring of 2022. As you know, Learning Assistants - who are undergraduate students that support learning your classes - make it possible for you to use more interactive pedagogies and in turn support more student engagement in your classroom. More than that, they also help you understand where students are having the most difficulty and can brainstorm ways to support their learning. Finally, they help you create community in the classroom, something that is more important than ever after the past few pandemic years. For these reasons, the use of Learning Assistants is widely considered to be a high-impact practice that will support SJSU toward its goals of improving student success and reducing barriers to graduation.

While Learning Assistants are extremely helpful, we recognize that they also represent an investment on your part. We want to thank you for taking the time to meet with your Learning Assistants outside of class to help prepare them for the work they do in your classroom. We also want to thank you for serving as a mentor to your LAs.

Your semester-long commitment to participate in bi-weekly LA-RGE meetings centering your partnership with your Learning Assistant indicates that you are truly committed to undergraduate education, that you are interested in refining your teaching practice, and that you care about the students you serve. Thank you for this service!

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