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I had prior experience in my senior year of high school coding video games in C on Unity but I have never used the Python language. I could recall in the first few labs, I struggled to keep up with my classmates.

I recommend TA Nathalie Uwamahoro for the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award because I believe she sets an example for me going forward as to what an outstanding TA is like. I truly believe without her assistance I would not have achieved the level of success I have in this trying semester. I see Nathalie as a role model, not only because of her proficiency in coding logic and debugging but also her willingness to tirelessly go around the room and offer constructive feedback during the ever-busy labs.

I can recall at the beginning of the semester I couldn't understand how the .split() and .strip() built-in method affect the string. Nathalie saw me struggling to apply that built-in method to solve the problem. She not only explained to me through demonstration in the terminal console how the '.split()' and '.strip()' methods work but also how they can be applied to similar problems. Through her explanation, I not only could solve the problem in front of me

but also grasped a solid understanding of the two built-in methods that I used throughout the semester.

Nathalie is good at handling situations that can be prepped for and situations that require a holistic view of programming. For example, I remember making the mistake of using '[]' instead of '()' and I needed help figuring out why my code was not running the whole time. Nathalie caught the error almost immediately, impressing me with her ability to not tunnel vision looking for debugging mistakes and seeing the improper syntax.

I owe my success in this course not only to my dedicated professor Nahdeem Ghani but equally to my teacher's assistant Nathalie Uwamahoro. In this course, Professor Ghani paved the way for academic success while TA Nathalie cleared up the snag in the path. I truly believe that it was only with her guidance that I was about to achieve a course grade of A.