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Winona State University

Department of Mathematics & Statistics

To whom it may concern:

It is with much pleasure and enthusiasm that I write to you in support of Dr. Todd Iverson for a promotion and tenure opportunity. I was a student of Professor Iverson's for two years. When I first met Professor Iverson, I was in the middle of my sophomore year, had just switched my major to Data Science, and had a low coding ability which is a crucial part of the Data Science program. Not long into the first class I had with Professor Iverson, he became my unofficial mentor because of his willingness and dedication to helping me become a better coder.

There are specifically three coding classes I took with Professor Iverson that allowed me to accrue exponential growth in my coding ability. Through these classes, he showed his ability to make what should have been boring and tough lecture topics into engaging and thought provoking class periods by using his great sense of humor and interactive approaches. On top of being a great professor in the classroom, he shined through his office hours just as much as he did in the classroom. I commend him for the amount of patience I have witnessed him to have first hand with me and also with other students. One thing I love about Professor Iverson is he truly cares about his students' learning. He is not one to just give a student the answer to get them out of his face or to leave them high and dry with no help. He is the definition of going the extra mile when it comes to teaching students the process of coding.

Dr. Iverson differentiates himself from most professors with his desire to give students the newest possible content. He is always looking into the most up-to-date ways to code, coding languages, platforms, and industry desires. Since he is teaching on things that are happening in the now, he writes his own books and notes. By him teaching on things that are new or the "up and coming", it shows he is not afraid to learn with his students and challenge himself too. Todd brings a whole new dimension to the data science faculty. The department is very fortunate to have a member as dedicated to the success of the program as he is.

Sincerely,

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