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William Heeren
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Dear William,

The College of Biological Sciences at the University of Minnesota recognizes that excellent high school teachers have a tremendous impact on the academic and personal success of our students. To honor these special individuals, we invite our new students to nominate one of their teachers for the college's "Outstanding Science Teacher Award." This award recognizes individuals whose teaching, mentoring, and creativity have had significant positive impacts on their lives.

I am very pleased to tell you that Jessica Bennett nominated you for this award, indicating that:

Every day I would walk into class and be excited to learn, even though it was the first hour of the day and I was still tired. This is all because Mr. Heeren created an environment that made every student excited to learn. He used real life example, interesting experiments, acted out a chemistry related play, etc. I could tell right away that he was a man that cared about what he was teaching and couldn't wait until he could pass along his knowledge. Mr. Heeren is a true teacher of science. He works hard to learn new ideas and help his students reach academic success in his classroom.

You can be proud of the way you have influenced and supported students through your work both in and out of the classroom. We are pleased to recognize your skill and dedication with this certificate.

Thank you for the hours of time, the sacrifices, the creativity, and the skill that you have focused on making such a difference in your students' lives.

Sincerely,



Robert Elde, Dean

Enclosure

c: Dr. Thomas W. Johansen, Principal