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Dear Professor Gould:

Congratulations! You are one of our top instructors. Teaching excellence is at the core of Duke's mission, and each semester, the Trinity College Office of Assessment administers course evaluations to document this component of our students' experience. During the 2017 spring semester, in the categories of Quality of Course and/or Quality of Instruction, your course evaluations for at least one course were among the top 5% of all undergraduate instructors teaching in the Humanities.

For your information, percentiles were calculated based on each course's divisional designation and category of student enrollment (i.e., small [1-18], medium [19-49], or large [50 and above]). Thus, your evaluation results were compared to those of your faculty peers teaching like courses. Eligibility for this recognition also requires that you receive five or more student evaluations across all of your eligible courses in the term, and that your overall return rate meets or exceeds 25%.

Your commitment to teaching, dedication to students, and creative approach toward innovation or traditional methods of instruction have been recognized by your students through these course evaluations. Together with your students, we recognize the value of your dedication and applaud your efforts. Professors like you enable us to build upon our academic traditions by infusing instruction with a sense of dynamic engagement and inspired learning. We wish you continued success.

Sincerely,



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