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To Whom It May Concern:

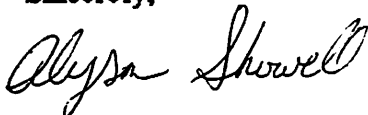
I am writing this letter to recommend that my teaching assistant, Ms. Jen Mintzer (JPRA 55 - Intro to Mass Media), be considered for the award given by The Instructional and Developmental Division of the International Communication Association. She is an exceptional teacher whose use of interesting, diverse, and applicable material have benefited me in my learning process. Her lectures are informative and interesting, and her use of guest speakers, films, and books as supplemental learning material have also contributed to me retaining the lecture information better.

I have been particularly impressed by the way she has addressed such topics as color and gender barriers in advertising and media, and assigned our class a paper requiring us to review stereotypes in films and television shows. All of these assignments have been relevant to current affairs, and have given me a much better understanding of the topics we have been studying.

She is easy to get along with, lenient in her policies for grading, and gives us opportunities to complete extra credit. She presents her lecture material in ways that are beneficial to the class as a whole (i.e. Powerpoint presentations with subsequent postings on Blackboard), and includes study guides for exams and helpful feedback on all assignments.

I believe that she is well deserving of this award in recognition of her teaching skills, and I look forward to possibly having her as a teacher in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alyson Showell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Alyson Showell