

April 29, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

I am both pleased and honored to recommend Jen Mintzer for the ICA teaching award.

As a sophomore JPRA major, I have had the privilege of taking an Intro. Mass Media class instructed by Ms. Mintzer this semester. Throughout the semester, I have found Ms. Mintzer to be a knowledgeable instructor who is not only extremely familiar with the course material, but well versed in all aspects of the field. She takes her job very seriously, and is always extensively prepared for class and extremely professional in all aspects of her work.

Ms. Mintzer is a creative instructor who constantly strives to bring the material to life. Along with lectures and PowerPoint presentations of notes, our course is supplemented with related videos, in depth class discussions, and projects designed to help us attain a deeper understanding of the material. One of the most enriching and worthwhile aspects of the class is regular guest speakers; professionals who are involved in the journalism, advertising, or public relations field. These speakers have proved invaluable in imparting the class with a knowledge, expertise, and advice that is not found in any textbook.

One of Ms. Mintzer's most admirable qualities as a teacher is her approachability. She attempts to construct a personal relationship with each student, and makes clear that her role as an instructor is not limited to class time alone. She responds to e-mail quickly and thoroughly, and is always available to meet with students outside of class.

Ms. Mintzer truly has a gift as an educator, and I have come away from her class with a richer understanding of the material because of her unique approach to teaching. Please accept my highest recommendation of Ms. Mintzer for this award, and do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail should you require any further information. I may be reached at kristine.povilaitis@astro.temple.edu.

Sincerely,

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