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Awards Committee
Chancellor's Academic Professional
Excellence Award

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter enthusiastically supports the nomination of John Barclay for the Chancellor's Academic Professional Excellence Award.

As Chairman of the Campus Webmasters Coordinating Group I have worked closely with John over the past three years. He has served as a valuable member of the committee, and has contributed a great deal to its work. He has a very high level of expertise on the technical aspects of web development and administration, and has gladly shared that expertise with the campus web development community in a number of very effective ways. He has helped guide the committee to plan and implement an ongoing series of seminars for web professionals on key skills and practices, to the benefit of the entire campus. He has always been focused on helping others understand how to develop the campus web in a way that best serves our students, faculty, and other constituencies. While it is clear to me he enjoys the professional challenge of solving technical problems common to all engaged in this work, it is also clear that he understands the importance of the Internet to the mission of the University of Illinois. His dedication to that mission is clear in his work.

John has also gone far beyond the call of duty on several occasions when he personally presented workshops on technical subjects for which he was the most qualified of anyone on campus. If you understand how much he hates having to do public speaking, you will know how much this means!

As to John's work contributions in the College of Education, I know from interacting with his colleagues that John's work has been central to the development of the College's web site, which is one of the best sites on this campus. His colleagues clearly value and admire him, much as we do on the Campus Webmasters Coordinating Group.

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Finally, I have known John personally for at least 10 years as a member of the Urbana-Champaign community. From my observation he is always looking for ways to help people and improve the community, and to participate in building cooperative relationships. He is one of the most friendly and constructive people I know, and it's our fortune to have John as a colleague and member of the community.

Sincerely,

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