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To the OTEA Selection Committee:

I recommend Dr. King for your consideration of the Online Teaching Excellence Award. I have had the privilege of sitting under Dr. King's instruction in several online courses, as well as her leadership as the Online MSW Director.

Dr. King epitomizes professionalism while simultaneously exhibiting honor and respect to the students in her program. As a graduate student, one who took considerable time to return to academia, I value the integrity with which we are instructed. Dr. King lays clearly defined expectations and holds students accountable for the standards and principles which define our profession as Social Workers.

In her courses, Dr. King provides brief but thorough lectures that articulate key points from the materials. She incorporates her own professional experience, and by doing so, illustrates the real-world application of Social Work practice and principles. In addition to growing understanding, students are inspired in their pursuit of similar goals in the profession. Resources are clearly available and curated in a way that is easily accessible. Finally, Dr. King goes beyond expectations in availing herself to the needs of students. Emails are returned in a timely manner and office hours are ample. She encourages students to connect with her. Those that take her up on this offer are truly better students because of it.

I consider myself privileged to have had the opportunity to sit under her instruction, guidance, and insight.

Respectfully submitted,

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