

Prof. Harold Pinnick (Professor of Chemistry) shared his appreciation of Mr. Alex's services with me in an email. According to Professor. Harold Pinnick:

"Alex is one of the most useful people in OIT. He is always willing to help with whatever problem one is having. Blackboard "Learn" seems to be his area of expertise. This system is much more powerful and versatile than the old system but is not very intuitive to me and is continually causing problems. Alex is cheerful and is willing to jump in and help solve whatever issue(s) are the current problem. I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Alex Criswell as Outstanding Student Employee."

Professor Mita Choudhury states:

"I am writing to provide a testimonial for Alex Criswell, who very much deserves the Student Employee of the Year award. My interactions with Alex have not been in the classroom; my interactions with him have taken place in Gyte 135 (OIT) where his stellar performance has become legendary. He is not only a student worker but he is also a mentor to new students who get jobs at this lab.

I saw Alex in his true colors when, a few semesters back, I was given a teaching assignment at the last minute; there was some mix-up with my schedule and I was at my wit's end. I knew that running to Gyte 135 would be one way to address the problem at hand; but I had no idea that my distance-ed course would be up and running within an hour! I had then just made an awkward transition from Vista to Learn--and there were many aspects of the new system with which I was not familiar. I was very fortunate to walk in and find that Alex was available and could help me. Alex has traits which make him invaluable in these emergency situations. He remains calm and he has a sense of humor which he uses in good measure even as he targets the problem areas and finds quick solutions. I can list many other instances.

Alex Criswell's expertise, his attention to detail, and his people skills have reinforced my belief that our students are indeed our strength and that Purdue Calumet benefits from such dedicated and highly motivated student workers who make our job easy. Alex deserves this award and I support his nomination very enthusiastically.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at X-2262."