

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR ALEX CRISWELL

February 13, 2014

Dear Purdue University Calumet Student Employee of the Year Selection Committee:

I am pleased to write a letter in support of the nomination of Alex Criswell for Purdue University Calumet Student Employee of the Year. I became acquainted with Alex through the Office of Instructional Technology when Purdue changed from the Blackboard Vista online course platform to Blackboard Learn. As I am sure was true for many faculty members, the task of re-creating my courses on Blackboard Learn seemed daunting and overwhelming. I knew I would need assistance to make the process manageable and successful. Alex was a godsend! He was not only knowledgeable, but also patient in answering my questions and able to clearly explain the steps I needed to take in the process. Often, after working together, he would email me to make sure that the directions/strategies he had given me had actually worked and/or resolved whatever the issue was for which I had sought his help. Alex's knowledge and skill extends beyond Blackboard Learn to other uses of technology. He has assisted me in the use of instructional software, including creating surveys in Qualtrics, and, even answered questions I have had about social networking sites like Facebook.

Although I am impressed by Alex's expertise in technology, it is his approachability, collegiality, and availability that make him stand out as a student employee. I always know that if I stop in the OIT and he is working there, he will take the time and effort to address any questions or concerns that I might have. He is also very gracious and friendly whenever we encounter one another on campus outside of the OIT.

I cannot imagine a better candidate for Student Employee of the Year and I strongly encourage you to consider Alex Criswell for that honor!

Sincerely,

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