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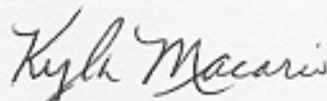
Dear Brian,

I am writing to thank you for allowing me to observe your PSYCH 101 Introduction to Psychology class on March 30 from 6-7:15pm. Because you are taking the Learner-Centered Teaching Course this observation was required.

The advanced organizer you used to open the class was an excellent technique to give the students an idea of what you'd be covering for this class and also for how the entire module on personality theories would be covered in the next three classes. Your use of self-disclosure (buying popcorn and throwing erasers) was effective in both making you as the teacher more human and establishing commonality of experience with your learners. The examples posed for better understanding concepts were quite clever - Dennis Rodman, Bill Gates and your mother chained together for life is a vivid and humorous way to convey the tension between these three aspects of mind in Freud's theory!

Again, thank you for allowing me to observe your class. You have been an excellent addition to the Learner-Centered Teaching course this semester. As a member of the University Teaching Center Faculty Development Team, I especially want to commend you on your willingness to pursue measures to increase your instructional awareness.

Sincerely,



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