#### **Zeenath Khan**

From: Wahid Ali <tribal\_4@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 1:29 PM

**To:** Zeenath Khan

**Subject:** Letter of Appreciation

Hello Dr. Zeenath,

I hope all is well with you (& your dear ones) & that you're having a good start with 2016 & enjoying the weather in Dubai (assuming you're still in town).

I'm just writing to express my appreciation & gratitude; now that I have finally completed my HR course & am set to graduate. I have a short list of a handful of people (like 5 professors) who I consider true educators (I'm sure the others are proficient in other aspects of their respected fields) and you're on top of my list. I like the fact that you maintain an open atmosphere in your lectures which encourages students to express their ideas & debate. I personally enjoyed some of the tough follow up questions you ask, somewhat harsh criticisms & the philosophical arguments we've had in class. & one thing I do admire about you is how attached you are to the student body; in comparison to your colleagues.

I'm not sure if you're still on a break or do come on campus; but it would be nice to stop by for a short visit. Having said that, there isn't much left for me to say but to wish you (& your dear ones) all the success in life along with good health, peace & prosperity.

Sincerely, Wahid Albalooshi

#### **Zeenath Khan**

From: Ramin Plus <9ramin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2016 12:34 AM

**To:** Zeenath Khan

**Subject:** Thanks

Dear Dr Zeenath Khan

I had greatly enjoyed and got lots of skills from the last semester (Autumn, 2015) which i took with you.

You have very good verbal communication skills in teaching IACT201, especially in the dueling dilemmas and the case study as well. you helped me a lot regarding the case study and whenever i got some problems regarding my projects, you helped me a lot by giving me feedback and comment. you are such a hard-working professor and extremely well-organized. by this time i have enough skills to analyze news articles cases and i can apply theories that i have learnt during the semester. you put a lot of efforts for students to get the concept and understanding of the IACT201. after i have done IACT201 whenever i read articles i can easily have some sort of judgments by applying those theories which we got learnt through the dueling dilemmas.

It is my pleasure to send you this very sincere thank you. All the best in 2016

Ramin Kamyab (4226331)

Thanks.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Zeenath Reza Khan since the beginning of my tenure as an undergraduate student at the University of Wollongong in Dubai in 2012. Dr. Khan has truly been an invaluable teacher and mentor to me and hence, I would like to take this opportunity to articulate my sincerest appreciation of her teaching and academic excellence.

#### About the IACT201 Course:

In September 2015, Dr. Khan undertook the teaching and development of the IACT201 course for Professional Practice and Ethics. As her student, I had the privilege of participating in Dr. Khan's stimulating lectures where she would blend the course material with significant real life examples and question her students in order to promote interaction.

Understanding the topic of Ethics in the Information Age is paramount to thriving in today's world, where technology has brought new dimensions on the platform of our perceptions of morality and ethical values. With IACT201, my learning was reinforced with Dr. Khan's various assessments comprising case study reports and workshops, four Dueling Dilemma seminars, weekly discussions on an online personal journal via Moodle, as well as class participation during lectures and debates.

#### **About the Assessments:**

Dr. Khan was able to bring out the core elements of the subject in the most engaging and interactive way through her assessments. Dueling Dilemmas were intellectually stimulating modules where we were tasked with conducting research in groups to find and present real-life accounts of ethical dilemmas and analyze them with respect to virtue ethics and the respective theory frameworks.

In addition, Dr. Khan designed one of the most interesting case reports where we had the opportunity to visit real organizations in the United Arab Emirates and interview working professionals to gather evidence of ethical issues to formulate detailed case studies and analyses.

What made the course so enjoyable was Dr. Khan's incredible organization of the study materials on Moodle, her emphasis on using Turnitin as a tool to promote academic integrity, and her support and guidance to all students preparing their case studies.

What is truly striking about Dr. Khan, is her understanding of her students' thoughts and feelings and her dedication to enhancing their learning experience. During my first lecture I recall Dr. Khan saying that she

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believes all students must voice their opinions in order to not only promote free speech, but in turn make

our speech better. Hence, we posted weekly entries on a personal journal on Moodle discussing our

thoughts on the topic at hand.

Overall, the subject of Information Ethics in itself is tremendously complex and interdisciplinary. Dr. Khan

not only communicated these complexities to her students effortlessly, but also encouraged us to be

proactive in our understandings and think outside the box to develop unique solutions to the world's

pressing issues.

About Dr. Khan's Teaching:

Dr. Khan truly is a multifaceted individual who continues to define excellence in her teaching, both in the

classroom and online. She devotes a great amount of personal effort and interest to her daily teaching

activities as well as her students, and always remains open and receptive to comments and suggestions

as to how her teaching can grow and improve.

Dr. Zeenath Reza Khan's ability to ask her students pressing questions to stimulate thought is exemplary.

In IACT201, she maintains that even though there may not be a concrete ideology of right or wrong, two

wrongs cannot make a right. Her philosophy and her passion for teaching is what makes her one of the

most valued professors at the University of Wollongong in Dubai.

During my incredible tenure as an undergraduate at the University of Wollongong in Dubai, I can assert

without a doubt that Dr. Zeenath has been the most inspiring professors I have had the privilege of

studying with, as her teaching has helped me shift my lens back to view the world from a much larger

perspective.

I would like to wish Dr. Khan all the very best in her future endeavors, and sincerely hope that her efforts

as a professor and mentor will be rewarded tremendously. I am more than happy to further discuss Dr.

Khan's teaching excellence and can be contacted at +971 56 3516904 or <a href="mailto:hanisha\_k@hotmail.com">hanisha\_k@hotmail.com</a>.

Sincerely,

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## Re: Presentation Mark Inquiry

Halaa Hez [hez.halaa@yahoo.com]

To: Zeenath Khan

Friday, January 17, 2014 3:52 AM

Dear Ms. Zeenath,

First, I would like to Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us through this course and I appreciate your effort and hard work and everything I learned from you.

Second, I would like to express my gratitude for having the opportunity to be your student and for your honesty through the semester in general and in the previous e-mail in specific which I respect (and raise the hat for too).

Last but not least, you are an amazing, inspirational, unique and a dedicated teacher who should be a role model for other teachers and students too. And I really loved your quote and can't say anything but "Simply Special"

"My enthusiasm is the key, my student's brain the lock...let's start picking!" - Zeenath RK

Thank you once again for your time, support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Hala

On Monday, January 13, 2014 2:22 AM, Zeenath Khan <ZeenathKhan@uowdubai.ac.ae> wrote: Dear Hala

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# Personal experience with our mentor

## sonia.c92@gmail.com on behalf of Sonia Sadhwani [ss083...

To: **7eenath Khan** 

Wednesday, July 16, 2014 8:34 PM

You replied on 7/16/2014 10:20 PM.

Dear Mrs. Khan,

I would like to use this opportunity to thank you for being our mentor for ISIT318 as well as give you my personal feedback having you on board from Autumn 2013.

The biggest support that you provided us was your optimism. In the beginning of the project when the team had no sense of direction, you stepped in and showed us that we could make it. It was almost like you saw our strengths in the first meeting we had with you and could predict that we would make it into the top 10 of the UOWD Tradeshow 2014!

Having done so much research on education, you were the perfect professor to guide My Bei't to its current achievement. We learned so many things from you, I can't possibly list them. Your constant support and faith led to smiles on the special needs students faces at Rashid Pediatric Therapy Centre and has created for us a pool of opportunities to help them develop their cognitive skills. Hopefully our research too will spark ideas in others' minds and help them bring about revolutionary changes in the education of these special students!

There were times when we were pessimistic, but you managed to bring a smile on our faces and always reminded us of the effect our work would have on these students, which proved to be fruitful. Thank you so much for all that you have done for us. Your constant meetings, followups, testing demos and feedback brought us to the position where we are at now at the end of our university life. We will always hold a special place for you in our hearts and will always come back to you for your ever-positive advice!

Thank you once again

Warm Regards,

Sonia Chandrakumar Sadhwani (4027309)ISIT318 - Team UniQ

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# Evaluation of the subject

### Raina Rebeiro [rainarebeiro@gmail.com]

**7eenath Khan** To:

Wednesday, July 16, 2014 4:43 PM

You replied on 7/16/2014 10:23 PM.

Envi030 has been one of the most interesting subjects I have experienced yet. It has definitely increased my awareness regarding the environment and I think it is a good thing that the university of Wollongong in Dubai has given this subject as a core subject. Not many people may be affected by this subject, but it definitely creates a conscience in people regarding littering, dumping, wasting and recycling. I feel it may also soften humans towards animals and make them take more care of them.

This subject was taught by ms. Zeenath khan who is an exceptional lecturer and has really increased our subject knowledge as well as general knowledge. She always took an initiative to spend more time just to enhance our knowledge. The one thing I love about her is that she knows how to teach a class in an interesting way. Im normally not a lecture person but any lecture that I have attended with ms. Zeenath, I have never felt bored or distracted. Another thing I really adore is that she helped us with our projects. We requested her for any contacts that might help us do our project and within a few hours we found a place to do our project. If I could, I would love to do such a subject again. A huge thank you to ms. Zeenath for everything she did for us.

Another thing I would like to tell about is our trip to wadi wurrayah. It was a great day spent hiking and we learnt more than what we went for. Even the manager of the research site Mr. Jacky Judas was very interesting and helpful with many different animal and plant species. We collected specimens and also saw waterfalls. The entire wadi was amazing and huge. We had walked all the way up to the top of the mountains and the scene from there was majestic! Finally after the hike we went for refreshments and shot our video with Mr. Judas. Overall, it was the first time my friends and I had such an experience and honestly it was brilliant and just so much fun. Thanks to envi030 for giving us such a practical project so we could go to wadi wurrayah and experience what we did.

Thank you

Regards Raina Rebeiro

Sent from my Windows Phone

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#### **ENVIO30-LETTER**

### Priyanka Shewakramani [ps298@uowmail.edu.au]

To: Zeenath Khan

Saturday, July 19, 2014 2:44 AM

I believe there should be a mandatory course of Environmental Science in every School and University as this subject imparts knowledge about the surroundings we live in as well as the current challenges encountered. The subject encourages everyone to think outside the box and develop solutions to tackle these problems. I personally learnt a lot through this subject and developed various habits that restrict me to overuse resources that are under the threat of being depleted. For instance, now I make sure that the lights and switches are off when not in use. I also try to impart the knowledge I gained from this subject in my family and friends to encourage them to take a step towards saving this planet.

The course involved a project that required students to select one of the three biomes- Mangrove, Desert or Wadi, and then visit the place to identify the different species that live there, its habitat, various ecosystems present as well as the food chain that exists. Later on, to answer the questions, we had to design and create a poster as well as a presentation with the primary and secondary research. My group selected the topic- Mangrove, and to learn more about it we visited Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary in Dubai. The trip gave us a chance to break the ice and bond with each other. It was fun, useful and educational. We gathered heaps of information about Mangroves. Also, we clicked numerous photos of different flora and fauna that existed there as well as recorded videos of how the security guards maintain the safety and health of different bird populations in the sanctuary. Next, the preparation of the poster and the presentation gave us an opportunity to exhibit the knowledge gained by using our creative skills. On one hand, the poster taught us different ways to express our message artistically, on the other hand, the presentation helped us to educate our colleagues. On the whole, this project taught me about various natural biomes present in Dubai as well as the challenges they face. Apart from this, I learnt that cooperation and team spirit are the keys to successful completion of tasks.

As a lecturer, Ms. Zeenath Khan, comprehends the ways to gain students' attention and increase their interests towards a subject. She utilizes the available technologies to make sure that the students understand the topics taught. She incorporates various videos, discussions and articles in her lectures to make it more interesting and informative. Not only does she encourage group activities and debates, she also provides us with an opportunity to learn, explore and express ourselves through research projects and presentations. She always encourages her students to ask any queries they have and is always available to solve our problems. Likewise, she also understands that Summer semester is very short and thus to help us with our projects, she provided us with contact details of Mr. Reza Khan, a Specialist from Dubai Municipality, who helped us identify the different flora and fauna we observed. Without his help we wouldn't be able to complete the task on time. Moreover, Ms. Zeenath appreciates the efforts that her students dedicate towards the subjects. For this reason, she conducted an exhibition of all the posters to recognize the efforts and creativity of students. Visitors are provided with a chance to vote and give comments about the posters, thus, offering us with an opportunity to learn from our mistakes and improve ourselves for