Dear Dr. Lurtey,

We all know in the department that you have done your best to solve all the technical issues over the years, helping us students continue using equipment that actually works. And we all remember the reminders that you and Dr. Spence have given concerning keeping good records of the equipment and returning it to its rightful place at the right time.

However, we also know your impact on us exceeded mere ambient sound. In many other ways, you have helped enrich my university experience and training in particular.

You have shown patience with me both in an outside the classroom, whether it was addressing email concerns, teaching uploading to Sermon Audio, or the redo of the Espresso Break team broadcast project. Although I was not the top of my class for most to all of my EM courses, you still never gave up on me and let me know when I was on the right track concerning the audio projects.

The help you provided in teaching Adobe Audition has proven its value in other classes such as Writing for Electronic Media, in my volunteer activity for WBJU radio, and in audio editing for my internship. Furthermore, the opportunity to help as a grip for the election Decision 2012 broadcast under your direction also made my university media experience more well rounded. The mp3 man-on-the-street recording project had its interesting moments as well, from ambient screeching (perhaps from bats) to the variety of study techniques that my peers had. The music project in Audio Production class also gave a delightful experience of working with musicians to use my creativity in a way that I had not done before, dabbling in music composition.

Another thing that I appreciated about you was your openness to discussing personal family and family needs. Rather than being a professor distanced from his students, you showed concern for students and kept us informed concerning your family, particularly with the case of your son Todd. The opportunities for us students to pray for your family, see Todd on TV and enjoying the Disney amusement park, and send him a card formed memories that helped us bond closer as a departmental family also.

While right now, I do not know where my future jobs and career will take me, I am grateful that you helped equip me to take a few of the next steps and lay a foundation of media operation experience. Thank you for your hours of service and dedication,

Sincerely,

Zackary Kendall

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