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Dear Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry:

I am writing this letter in strong, enthusiastic support of Dr. Myeongsub (Mike) Kim's nomination for the OURI Distinguished Mentor of the Year Award. Dr. Kim is an Assistant Professor in the Ocean and Mechanical Engineering Department and has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to mentoring students through research and exposure to STEM at all levels.

Dr. Kim is extremely dedicated to participating in undergraduate research activities with both the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (OURI) as well as the College. He has worked with close to 50 undergraduate students on 17 grants, including three SURF grants (for mentoring an individual for a summer undergraduate research fellowship) and one FAU WAVE Award; 13 of which were through OURI. This is a remarkable achievement given his relatively short time at FAU.

I am proud to have Dr. Kim as one of our faculty members and I'm thoroughly impressed with his motivation and commitment to his students, the College and the University. Through targeted recruiting efforts, he places strong emphasis on working with minority students and increasing their presence in STEM education. More than half of his mentees have been minority students; further evidence that Dr. Kim is a valued asset to FAU and its diverse student population.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Dr. Kim for the Distinguished Mentor of the Year award – he would be a much deserved recipient of this award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stella Batalama' in a cursive script.

Stella Batalama, Ph.D.

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