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Mario Guerrero
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Dear Mario,

The Graduate Student Association Excellence in Teaching Awards Committee is please to inform you that you have been named a recipient of a 2010 GSA Excellence in Teaching Award! The materials contained in your nomination packet were truly remarkable and we have compiled the following information to share with the campus community.

For his exemplary work as a Teaching Assistant, we are pleased to announce that Mario Guerrero is a recipient of a 2010 GSA Excellence in Teaching Award. Mario is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science with emphases in American Politics and Methodology and expects to earn his degree this year.

Mario received high commendations from faculty members and students with whom he has worked. In addition to many notes about his great accessibility to students and dedication to teaching, he has gone "beyond the call of duty." According to one professor, "Mario made videos of himself navigating the statistical software program used in the course for the students and uploaded them to the website he created just for my course. This was extraordinarily helpful to the students (and to me)."

A faculty member noted, "If [Mario] could find a way to contribute to the learning environment for students, he pursued it." As one of his former students wrote, "What really makes Mario special is the personal connection that he seeks to develop with his students. Aside from aiding me in my classes to earn good grades, Mario has implanted a love of political science in me as well as igniting a passion to pursue my scholastic studies to the best of my ability. Mario has inspired me to add the political science major to my already taxing economic major because of his outstanding ability as an educator."

Another faculty member summed it up nicely: "Mario is an excellent example of the kind of TA that graduate students should strive to be because of his dedication to facilitating success among his students while making progress in his own work and research."

We commend and congratulate Mario Guerrero as a recipient of a 2010 GSA Excellence in Teaching Award!

Again, please accept our congratulations and an invitation to our June 1st Graduate Student Association Assembly meeting which will be held in the GSA Lounge from 6:00 to 7:30pm. This last assembly meeting for the academic year will include award announcements and a reception. Please feel free to bring guests interested in sharing the announcement of your award.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Indy Hurt".

Indy Hurt
Graduate Student Association Vice President of Academic Affairs, 2009/2010

cc: Reginald Archer, Graduate Student Association President, 2009/2010
John T. Woolley, Department of Political Science Chair