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Dear Ms. Ross:

As this semester comes to an end I want to take this opportunity to commend you for your outstanding work in class. This is the first time in over twenty years of teaching at the university level that I have written such a letter. This is not typical of me or most professors to write to students at the end of a semester. However, I must write it, if for no other reason than to fulfill an ethical obligation.

From the beginning your work has served as a model. More importantly, you were willing to allow me to post it to the CEPA website, which served as a catalyst for over sixty students. In addition to your online class, the students in the face-to-face and minimester online classes took advantage of your work and were able to complete their work on time with outstanding results. You helped me obtain results never achieved before.

This class stressed leadership as it relates to educational reform, strategic planning, globalization, and democratization of information for a culturally diverse and global community. Your vision in health care is the type of vision so needed today and in the future. This was important for all of the students to see, because as future leaders you represent an interdisciplinary group of new thinkers from many fields: education, health, law, public security, engineering, business, the military and the social sciences.

I encourage you to follow the principles of leadership we have discussed in class. Also remember your job is to inspire others to embrace vision, risk and change, rather than accepting a compromise which leads to mediocrity and waters down your vision. You must take others to a higher level. You have demonstrated the importance of human individuality and the freedom to think. That is leadership for a global society.

I Salute You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred J. Rodríguez'.

Fred J. Rodríguez, Ph.D.
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