

The Outstanding Teacher award is particularly moving to me because, nine years ago, I never expected to be in this profession. When my career took an unexpected turn, I was met with unyielding support from my colleagues and turned to CLTA refine my craft. The sentiments of motivation fueled by new ideas accompanied me back to school after each and every conference. CLTA has set me on a pathway to think more creatively about the granular nature of my teaching output, and to ask myself the right questions. To be recognized in this manner is humbling encouragement that every teacher needs from time to time—a reminder that we are doing the right things. My commitment to excellence in teaching feels newly refreshed, the sincerity of my appreciation of this award is genuine. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Bernhards". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent "B" at the start and a clear "Bernhards" at the end.

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