



Michael Lopez

***Nominating Faculty — Amir Assadi-Rad
Agriculture, Science & Mathematics***

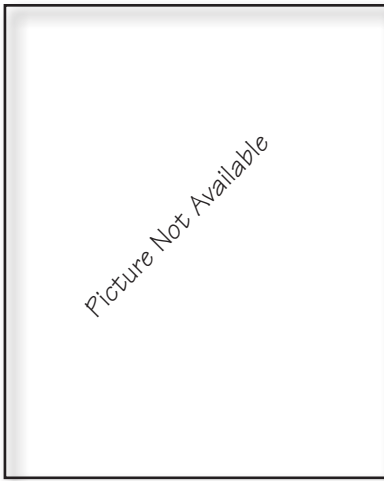
Mike is a great guy all around. When he had Zoology he showed that he is very mature. He graduated from UOP with a degree in Sports Medicine. Now he wants to pursue a degree in Physical Therapy. He is on his way and is going to make it all the way. He was a great help when I was teaching Physiology. His help will always be remembered. It is a great honor to nominate Mike for this award.



Oui Saly

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Oui is a great student. After he got laid off he came back to school and began a new career. He had Physiology with me and he did exceptionally well. He made the highest score in Human Physiology in Fall of 2011. He is my reader now and he is doing an excellent job. He is in Nursing program and he does not have to worry about getting laid off any more for rest of his life. Oui understands the value of education and he is on his way to bigger and better things in life.



Sharon Sharma

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Sharon is a great students who would like to help other student. She scored so high in the class that I nominated her for the SI (supplemental Instruction) part of the STEM grant. She went to UC Berkley and now she plans to become a Pharmacist. She will succeed in whatever path she takes. It is a great honor to nominate her for this award.



Danielle Thibeadeaux

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Danielle learned how to study. That is the most important thing a student can achieve. She worked vary hard to reach this goal. Now that she knows what it takes, she became a tutor and she is helping others. She passing on the torch of knowledge to others. She will succeed in her goal and ambitions. I am proud to nominate her for this award.



Luc Dinh

***Nominating Faculty — Robert Knudsen
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It is my pleasure to offer Luc Dinh to you for “Outstanding Student Fall 2012”. Luc successfully completed my Biology 31(Human Anatomy) and Biology 33(Anatomy and Physiology) courses. During the year he was with me I realized that he worked extremely hard at building a rapport and bridges with his classmates. He was always trying to get students together to learn the material and prepare for the rigorous midterms and lab practicals. Many of the students who were successful, were so in part, by the enthusiasm emanating from Luc.

His uniqueness does not stop there. For the past 3 semesters he comes back to both Biology 31 and Biology 33 classes to tutor...just because. He volunteers his time each day to the SI sessions and comes in the evenings and on weekends to setup “Mock” lab exams. Any student that asks him a question, he drops whatever he is doing and helps. He exemplifies the “Delta Family” atmosphere to the utmost.



Adam Salcedo

***Nominating Faculty — Robert Knudsen
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I have never seen a student work so hard learning the topic and beyond. I feel the best way to describe his devotion is he “Lives” the course. He comes in early, leaves late, asks to attend other labs and is always setting up study sessions, all around campus, for his peers to benefit. He gives of this time “unselfishly” to everyone and never passes judgment or makes anyone feel that they “cant do it.”

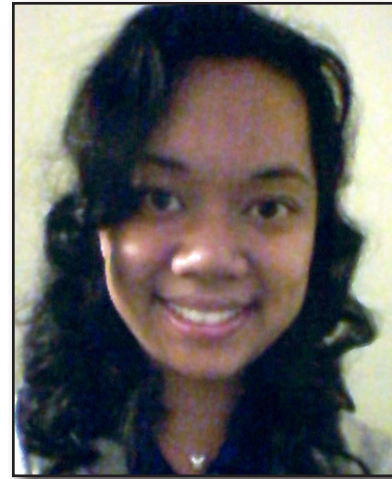
Adam took my course in the spring but came in each day during the summer session to help struggling students. Even though he was taking physiology, he still devoted all his mornings to helping out with the lab material for students he did not know. However, it did not stop there. Now that the fall session is under way, he is back sharing his tips and study skills, and the students are responding. Again, creating what the “Delta Family” should look like.



Hongmei Qu

***Nominating Faculty — Robin Lyons
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Ms. Qu is a recent immigrant from China who is still striving to improve her English. Nevertheless, she was the highest performing student in two of my geography classes and plans to major in Geography and transfer to UC Berkeley. She also works part-time for me as a student reader. She is currently studying the geography of California and working on a paper about Chinese migration to the state.



Jenny Sem

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Jenny has been tutoring geography students in the math and science learning center for several semesters. We will miss her when she transfers to UOP in the fall. Although she plans on being an electrical engineering major, she has an outstanding knowledge of physical geography. When she first took the course, she was a top student and her tutoring skills have become a great asset to Delta College.



Scott Stearns, Sr.

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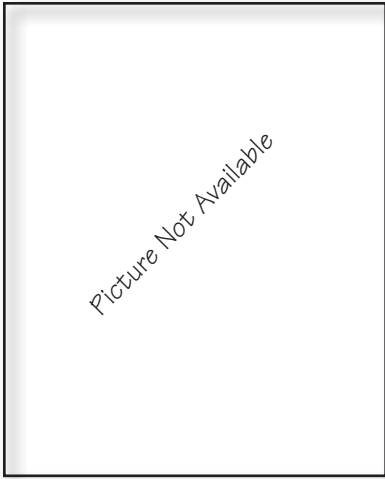
Scott is an older student returning to Delta College to upgrade his education. He was one of the top students in both my Physical Geography and Cultural Geography courses. He sets a good example for younger students in the class and can always be counted upon to attempt answers to questions and keep a discussion going.



Cathryn Hallack

***Nominating Faculty — Stephen K. Itaya
Agriculture, Science & Mathematics***

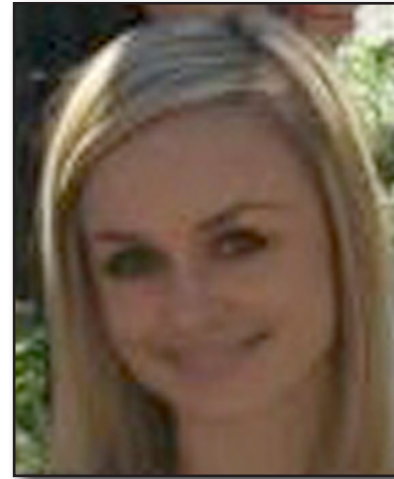
Cathryn was in my anatomy class last spring and she is now in my physiology class. She is a joy to have as a student because she spreads smiles and friendliness all around her and I can't remember a single instance when she didn't have a huge smile for everyone. Her enthusiasm for learning and excelling is contagious and a great positive influence on her classmates. Cathryn is the mother of two boys, works full time as a medical assistant at Lodi Memorial, and is also an "A" student in some of Delta's toughest classes. She is truly an Outstanding Student!



Keila Hernandez

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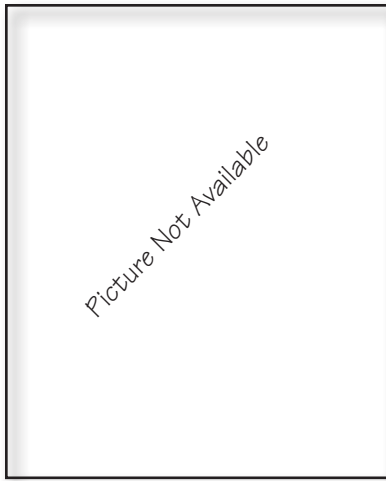
Keila took Human Anatomy with me and then Human Physiology in the fall of 2011. During the semester of physiology, Keila really matured as a student, and put extra effort into her studies resulting in steadily improved scores on her exams and she learned to ask questions and seek help. She was among the top students so I selected her as the Supplemental Instructor for physiology for spring of 2012, and she put a lot of effort into tutoring and helping students. While we worked together she said she was undecided about career paths so we discussed summer research internships. Keila put a lot of time and effort learning about internships, applying, and was rewarded with acceptance at several. She took a bold step and worked in a well-known research lab in Albany, NY, on isolating genes involved in Huntington's disease. This fall Keila is a transfer student at UC Davis. Her educational path has involved not a little courage since she is a first generation college student, but at the same time she has flourished, worked hard, and taken on challenges most students avoid – she is outstanding and has a bright future ahead of her in whatever field she chooses.



Kaitlyn Lersch

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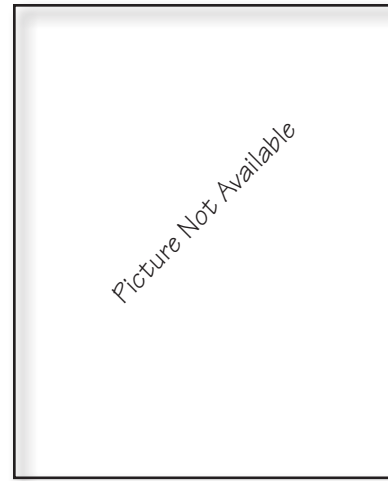
Kaitlyn is currently in my physiology class and took anatomy over the summer. Her academic accomplishments are outstanding, but in addition, she has had to overcome daunting personal obstacles that would have deterred almost anybody else, yet Kaitlyn perseveres and constantly strives for nothing less than excellence. She is a generous person and with her limited free time, looks for ways to volunteer for community service. She is friendly, engaging, and will make a wonderful nurse and become a leader in her field.



Paccelli Talavera, Jr.

***Nominating Faculty — Stephen K. Itaya
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Paccelli took Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with me in Fall 2011 and Spring 2012. He did so well that I selected him as the Supplemental Instructor for physiology this semester and he is now helping current physiology students. What makes Paccelli outstanding is his growth and progress from the beginning of anatomy, when he was disappointed in the results from his first test. He applied himself, intensified his studying, and consistently earned "A's" ever since. He is a great role model and example of the direct relationship of hard work and successful learning. He has also grown in his self-confidence and serves as a leader for those he tutors. Paccelli continuously challenges himself and shows wonderful growth since I first met him. He is a first generation college student and deserving of recognition as an outstanding student.



Ashley Thompson

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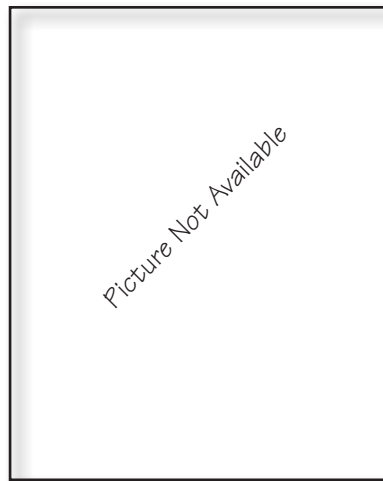
I love having Ashley in my class! She took anatomy with me over the summer and this fall she is in physiology. Her mind is very focused on learning and understanding and she is sharp as a razor. If my explanations don't make sense or a test question isn't quite right, Ashley will be sure to ask for further clarification or politely point out that I plain made a mistake. For a teacher, that is the best help a student can give rather than keeping silent, and because of that, I have a deep respect for Ashley's questions, her intellect, and her courage to ask questions when no one else will. She really stands out as an outstanding student.



Douglas Gilham, Jr.

***Nominating Faculty — Dr. Stacey Bagnasco
Counseling & Special Services***

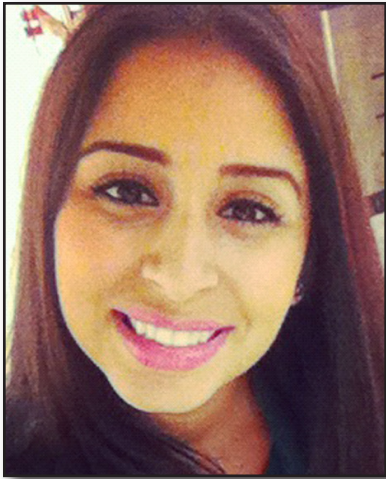
Doug is an outstanding student because he has maintained a 3.6 GPA and will transfer to University of the Pacific as a political science and social sciences major Fall 2013. He intends to go to law school or earn a credential so that he can become a teacher. Doug balances college with volunteering part time at an elementary school by helping students with music and reading. He has been a pleasure to have in class because he is on time, responsible and has a desire to learn. I met Doug at orientation and he continued to meet with me for the past two years to follow up on his Student Education Plan. He did everything that he was supposed to do so he will be transferring in two years!



Rojin Hashemi

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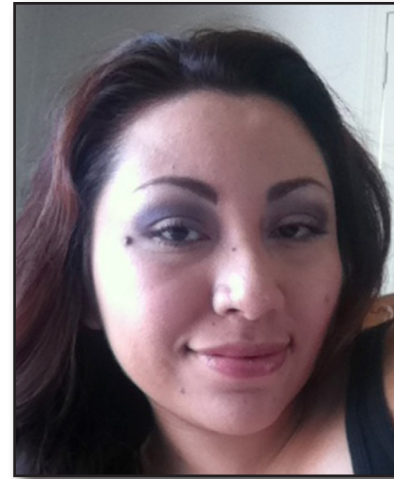
Rojin is an outstanding student because she has a 3.69 GPA and she is bright, articulate, thoughtful, genuine and humble. She plans to transfer to UC Berkeley or another UC Fall 2013. Her gift is in the social sciences though she has yet to pick a major. I have been doing career counseling with her for the past year and a half. She hopes to make a decision about her educational and career goals by the UC deadline. I have no doubt that she will be another Delta College success story!



Bianca Melendez

***Nominating Faculty — Dr. Stacey Bagnasco
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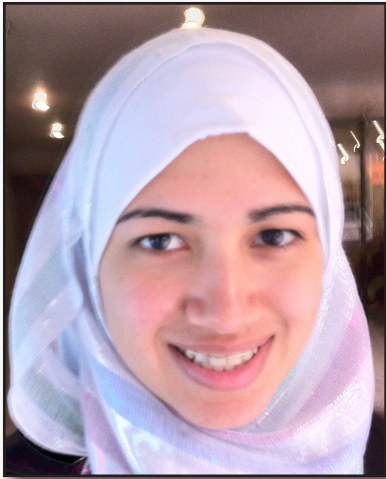
Bianca is an outstanding student because she has found her passion and took the bold step to change her major one year before she transfers. She is fearless and not afraid to go for it! She plans to major in psychology and transfer to CSU Stanislaus Fall 2013. Then, she will go to CSU Sacramento for a MS in Counseling. She plans to become a high school or college counselor. She has a great personality and she is nurturing, kind and compassionate. She will make a great counselor. It has been a pleasure to have her in my guidance classes!



Montserrat Montes

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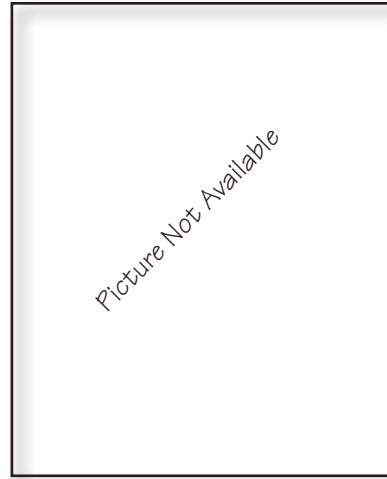
Montserrat has overcome amazing physical and life obstacles to get to where she is. She is a pre-med biology major transferring to the UC Fall 2013. She has maintained a 3.4 GPA while volunteering part time at a medical clinic using her Spanish on a daily basis to help people. She is an inspiration to other students as well as me. It has been an honor to be a part of her educational journey. I know that she will be an awesome doctor someday and give back to her community.



Jasmine Ali

***Nominating Faculty — Dr. Karen Millsop
Humanities, Social Science &
Education/PERA***

In September of 2011, Jasmine co-founded and now serves as Vice-President of Club FEED. Her aim was to create a youth group dedicated to world hunger. The group branched out to form a college club, which then evolved into an informal community organization. Since their founding, Club FEED has raised hundreds of dollars in funds and a great deal of awareness about the crisis in East Africa by selling “FEED SOMALIA” bracelets. In addition, they also raised hundreds of dollars to help support a poor orphanage in Afghanistan, called Sana Orphanage, located by the war-torn border. Club FEED members typically volunteer on weekends and holidays at Stockton’s Homeless Shelter - St.Mary’s Interfaith Dining Hall - to cook and serve food to the local needy. As a founder of Club FEED, Jasmine is smart and extremely organized with formidable leadership skills. This constellation of traits mark her as a person with a bright future who will undoubtedly make great contributions to the community and world around her.



Antonio De Jesus Munoz

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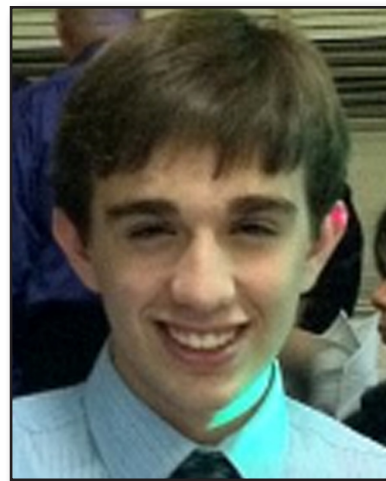
I first met Tony when he enrolled in my Introductory Psychology class Fall 2011. At that time, he had a less-than-stellar attitude about academics and did not do well in the class. He tried to re-enroll in the class the following semester but could not get in. I point blank told him that he would not be added but he was tenacious...very tenacious...and diligently showed up each class. Because of his die-hard tenacity, I decided to add him and what I discovered was a very intelligent, articulate, and socially-savvy young man. It was rewarding to see Tony burgeon as a student that year and I hope he continues with his studies because he is very bright and an outstanding student when he applies himself.



Rick Flores

***Nominating Faculty — Dr. Karen Millsop
Humanities, Social Science &
Education/PERA***

In many ways, Rick epitomizes the type of student that Delta College seeks to serve. He first started his studies two decades ago and returned in Fall 2010 as a re-entry student in the hopes of making a career change. Rick was a student in two of my psychology classes and although he may come across as quiet and reserved, he has a rich inner life with a colorful canvass of thoughts, ideas, and reflections. Like many students, he has endured some difficult life experiences but has been able to use those experiences as a resource for learning. I believe Rick's experiences also fuel his desire to help others. I hope he continues on his journey toward becoming a counselor because I believe he has a lot to offer.



Juan Pablo Miramontes

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Education/PERA***

Juan Pablo Miramontes began his studies at Delta College when he was a freshman in high school. In the past four years, while taking a full load of high school classes, he also accrued 70 transferrable college units. He maintains a 4.0 GPA and in May of 2013, Juan will be graduating not only from high school but also from Delta College with over 5 Associate of Arts Degrees. His favorite subjects include French, Government, Economics, and Linguistics. He hopes to transfer in the Fall of 2013 and major in Political Studies or International Relations.



Leslie Freeman

***Nominating Faculty — Dr. Vivian Harper
Humanities, Social Science &
Education/PERA***

Leslie Freeman is an outstanding student in the Early Childhood Education Program and she is being recognized for her superb academic performance. The quality of her work, her thorough preparation for each class session, and her class participation are exemplary.

Leslie has the ability to grasp abstract theories and apply them to real-life settings as evidenced in her insightful observations of children. She is an excellent writer who communicates clearly with focused attention to detail. When involved with group collaborations, Leslie demonstrates positive leadership by working with classmates to achieve the goal of the collaboration while including and valuing all members.

Leslie is truly an outstanding student and it is a pleasure to nominate her for this most deserved recognition!



Christine Ritzow

***Nominating Faculty — Dr. Vivian Harper
Humanities, Social Science &
Education/PERA***

Christine is an outstanding student in the Early Childhood Education Program and is being recognized for her academic excellence and leadership. She quickly emerged as an outstanding student, distinguishing herself as a top student between two forum sections of CDEV 21, Child and Adolescent Development.

Christine exhibited a keen interest and aptitude for understanding children and their behavior from the start. She approaches her studies with fervor and is quick to lend a hand to classmates who might be struggling. I truly hope that her career choice includes working with children and families in some capacity; her enthusiasm, compassion and excellence are so needed by all.



Susie Stevens

***Nominating Faculty — Dr. Vivian Harper
Humanities, Social Science &
Education/PERA***

Susie Stevens is being recognized as an outstanding student in the Early Childhood Education Program for her academic excellence and leadership among peers. She has maintained nearly a 4.0 grade point average in her Early Childhood Education coursework. She is supportive and encouraging of classmates and readily provides assistance to those who are new to the online learning environment.

Currently, Susie is working toward an Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education and plans to transfer to University of the Pacific. Her enthusiasm for the field and her interest in children is apparent in online discussions. A bright future teaching in and administering early childhood education programs awaits her!



Ruben Hernandez

***Nominating Faculty — Gary Barlow
Humanities, Social Science &
Education/PERA***

Ruben Hernandez is a valuable member of the Delta College Mustang Football Program. He is a diligent young man whose hard work on the football field has resulted in a starting wide receiver position. Ruben's hard work in the classroom has yielded a 3.07 grade point average.



Sam Hutsell

***Nominating Faculty — Gary Barlow
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Education/PERA***

Sam Hutsell is the returning All-Valley Conference quarterback for the Delta College Mustang Football team. Sam led the Mustang's to a Togo's Bowl Championship in his freshman year and is having a great deal of success in his sophomore season. In addition to being a very good quarterback, Sam is also a very good student and is maintaining a 3.21 grade point average.



Demarieya Nelson

***Nominating Faculty — Gary Barlow
Humanities, Social Science &
Education/PERA***

Demarieya Nelson is a valuable member of the Delta College Mustang Football team. He is a Team Captain, returning All-Valley Conference selection, and a young man who leads by example. He is a hard worker and he makes everyone around him better. Demarieya is currently earning a 3.07 grade point average.



Collin Rhoads

***Nominating Faculty — Gary Barlow
Humanities, Social Science &
Education/PERA***

Collin Rhoads is a starting wide receiver for the Delta College Mustang Football team. Collin is an major contributor and is a big reason for the Mustang's success. He plays with great effort and that effort carries over into his studies where he is earning a 3.42 grade point average.



Mitchell Young

***Nominating Faculty — Gary Barlow
Humanities, Social Science &
Education/PERA***

Mitchell is a two-year starter at offensive tackle for the Delta College Mustang Football Program. Mitchell is a team captain who has done a great job keeping a young offensive line together and on the same page. Mitchell is also doing a great job academically where he has earned a 3.11 grade point average.



Savannah Mowry

***Nominating Faculty — Suzanne Coleman
Humanities, Social Science &
Education/PERA***

Savannah is a hard working student dedicated to the early childhood field. She has shown great commitment to her chosen course of study and her wonderful work with young children. In the classroom Savannah is consistently prepared and willing to prompt others to think more critically. With young children Savannah shows a love of and respect for their growth and development. She demonstrates her learning through the provision of creative activities that prove to be interesting and educationally effective with young children and her fellow students. Savanna has proven to be a strong advocate for the educational rights and social emotional needs of young children. The CDC staff and other students have shown appreciation for her pleasant, encouraging attitude. I have no doubt that she will take all that she has learned and make an excellent teacher someday.