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Dear Mr. Loner,

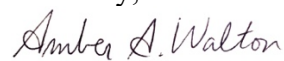
It is my pleasure to recommend Lei Wang for the 36th Outstanding TA Award at Syracuse University's Graduate School. Ms. Wang and I have worked together as master's students, doctoral students, and co-teaching assistants in the School of Education's Department of Instructional Design, Development & Evaluation since January, 2018. Working on group projects with Ms. Wang as a student, it is abundantly clear to me that she brings a wealth of experience and knowledge as a teacher from her professional experience as both a teacher and school leader in China.

Under the faculty advisor supervision of professor and department chair, Dr. Jing Lei, currently Ms. Wang and I are each solely responsible for teaching one section of an undergraduate course for Inclusive & Special Education majors and Health & Physical Education majors, IDE 201, entitled, "Integrating Technology into Instruction I." We are also in training to be able to teach IDE 301 and 401, the more advanced levels of this mandatory course. In addition to IDE 201, Ms. Wang and I are also two of three primary instructors for a series of workshops about the educational applications of technology for School of Education Fulbright scholars. I was fortunate to assist Ms. Wang in her recent Fulbright scholars workshop about the use of Google products in international educational settings.

I can enthusiastically report that Ms. Wang exhibits numerous positive traits as an instructor. She is extremely effective at including all students in each activity, whether it be didactic, small group, individual, or large group activities. She demonstrates effective use of a variety of interactive technologies for instruction, such as the use of a Smart Board and at least eight different interactive Google products. She naturally uses a friendly, authoritative, articulate, and dynamic speaking/presentation tone. Her instruction is thoroughly and methodically designed. She is abundantly passionate about the best practices in teaching and modeling them in all of her work. She demonstrates flexibility and patience with her learners, peers, colleagues, and faculty. She is a cheerful encourager and uses creativity in motivating peers and learners to achieve their best. There are insufficient superlatives for describing Lei's excellent teaching abilities.

I firmly believe that Lei Wang is the best candidate for this award! Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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