

Fall 2010 – Spring 2011 Thank you notes

Prof_Name: Dr. Clinton Brand

Thank_You_Statement: I had two Shakespeare classes with Dr. Brand and each was a wonderful experience. For the student who wants to learn, nothing is more exciting than a professor who is enthusiastic and informed about his subject matter. Dr. Brand made sure that we learned more than just the basic facts of the plays. In addition, I found his comments on my essays to be helpful as well as encouraging. I will continue to read and enjoy Shakespeare in the future, and I feel confident enough to teach those same plays to my own students. Thanks, Dr. Brand, for making my experiences with Shakespeare and UST such positive ones.

Prof_Name: Dr. Janet Lowery

Thank_You_Statement: I had Dr. Lowery for Irish Literature and Film. Before I took her class, I had no real interest in the Irish culture. However, Dr. Lowery chose literature and films that sparked my interest and awakened a desire in me to know more. Since her class, I have continued to watch for other Irish films and literature, and I have a desire to travel to Ireland in the near future. In the past, I have taught a great deal to my own students about adversity, and now I can raise awareness of Irish history in my classes. I also took Dr. Lowery's Women from Classical Mythology class. It was a rare opportunity to learn about women in a genre and/or time when they were usually overlooked. I learned a great deal about classical mythology in general, but it was an especially amazing experience to learn about female characters I had only heard of (and many I had not). The class is over, but I am still reading classical mythology on my own and looking for those strong women I read about in Dr. Lowery's class. Thanks, Dr. Lowery, for igniting in me a passion for Irish culture and classical mythology. I will do my best to pass it on to my own students!

Prof_Name: Dr. Joy Linsley

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Linsley is incredibly positive and encourages students to share thoughts and questions. She writes comments on every assignment, which is helpful and encouraging for the student. Dr. Linsley's joy and appreciation of Jane Austen is contagious; I was a fan of Austen before the class, but now I am an informed fan. Thank you, Dr. Linsley, for one of my most positive experiences at UST. From now on, you and Jane will always be linked for me. Thanks for helping me to become a true Janeite.

Prof_Name: Dr. Lisa Munday

Thank_You_Statement: I have never had confidence in my abilities of reading or learning history. I was extremely nervous to take US History, but had to do so because it is required. However, on the first day of class I realized it was going to be fine. You were so excited about US history that I actually got excited. The textbook didn't even seem so boring! Everything just seemed so new and different from what I had learned previously. I am truly amazed how great my grades are, but the only reason they are so good is because of your teaching method and how I actually look forward to going to class. Thank you for changing my entire perspective on history. You're an amazing professor and I appreciate that you love your job and show it. :)

Prof_Name: Ted Rebard

Thank_You_Statement: Thanks so much for challenging us to always try to be better! Your classes are great!

Prof_Name: Maria Borsa

Thank_You_Statement: Thank you! Your Italian classes are great! Grazie!

Prof_Name: Samuel B. Condic

Thank_You_Statement: Thank you Dr. Condic for being the way you are. Philosophy is quite difficult to teach, I would imagine, so thank you for doing such a great job. I have been enjoying your lectures, I especially like your examples when trying to get us to truly understand whatever it is that you are teaching on that particular day. You are an outstanding UST faculty member, once again, thank you!

Prof_Name: Professor Hans Stockton

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Stockton, I've said this before, but I'll always say it again! Thank you! Like a guardian, you've seen potential in me and decided to put your full faith in me, so I hope I am able to live up to your expectations and repay your trust. I never had that kind of mentor who is willing to go the extra mile for me (even if it was because of my mother). Thank you!

Prof_Name: Jamie Leonard

Thank_You_Statement: Professor Leonard, you are an excellent professor. You always finds creative ways to relate what we are studying with a fun activity, that really helps me to understand the information.I really enjoy coming to your class. Great shoes too!

Prof_Name: Dr. Brand

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Brand's lectures go further than simple novels and notes. He incorporates reality and humanity in everything he teaches. When I first took him over the summer, I left my first college english class with not only knowledge on mythology, but throughout his class, I learned about myself. I learned how to tie fictional literature to reality and gained insight that I probably wouldn't find anywhere else. Mr. Brand is passionate about what he teaches and is more than just a professor. He has served as a guide to me in the moral aspect of my life and I learn something new about myself and the world every time I leave his class.

Prof_Name: Mr. Howland

Thank_You_Statement: I want to thank Mr. Howland because he makes my time in Pre-calculus worthwhile and engaging. I hate math, but he makes it interesting and fun with his sense of humor. He is super smart and the best math professor i have ever had!

Prof_Name: Dr.Gries

Thank_You_Statement: Thank you Dr. Gries for being such a fabulous teacher! You taught me chemistry and let me tell you, that is not an easy task for a student like me. I HATED chemistry but after I took your course, I created a strong foundation for my future classes and actually enjoyed learning chem. Your teaching method is one-of-a-kind and unparalleled. Thank you for being so ambitious in the way you teach and thank you for being so patient and kind!

Prof_Name: Steven Jensen

Thank_You_Statement: Prof.Jensen is a wonderful, enthusiastic instructor. I have to say his textbook (which he authored)has been a critical tool for me in my success in his class. He is just as concise and to the point in his textbook as he is in his lectures. He offers wonderful, real-life examples that make the application of Ethics seamless. He engages the class in discussion, and his assignments are those that really help me to absorb the material. Although he may not think that his visual aids and drawings on the whiteboard are of any help, I find those to always stick with me because they are funny and so, the material sticks with me! It has been a pleasure thus far, to have had Prof.Jensen as my instructor. :)eing so patient and kind!

Prof_Name: Roger Morefield

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Morefield has provided me with a great understanding of economics. He has given me greater insight into to "businesses" and helped me realize I want it to be apart of my academic career and hopefully my future career. You can tell he is full of knowledge and completely brilliant in what he teaches. THANK YOU!

Prof_Name: Jennifer McConnell

Thank_You_Statement: Professor McConnell has been a wonderful professor in my introductory course to theology! She takes the time to really explain her lectures- she is open to questions from students and very eager to make sure we all walk away with a greater understanding of the Catholic faith! THANK YOU!

Prof_Name: Professor McNally

Thank_You_Statement: Professor McNally has been an excellent professor for my first experience in a college English course. His commitment to knowledge and his never ending understanding of classic literature has allowed me to absorb a great deal in his class! THANK YOU! understanding of the Catholic faith! THANK YOU!

Prof_Name: Dr. Jon Taylor

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Taylor is a true inspiration and motivation to all students. He is very passionate about the subjects that he teaches. He is very knowledgeable but humble at the same time. He is a walking political science encyclopedia; he is prepared to answer any questions at any time. He makes the class a fun learning experience by using examples and external materials from every day life. Thank you Dr. Taylor for a great learning experience.

Prof_Name: Dr. John Hittinger

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Hittinger did an excellent job of surveying the major works of St. Augustine (City of God, Free Choice of the Free Will, Confessions). He touched on both the philosophy and theology of the works, and did so very poignantly at times. His knowledge of the subject in general and of St. Augustine really added to the dynamic of learning.

Prof_Name: Michelle Steiger

Thank_You_Statement: Thank you so much for making O. Chem so fun and interesting. You are perhaps the best professor I've had in my whole academic career. Thank you for your dedication and support!

Prof_Name: Dr. Houser

Thank_You_Statement: He was awesome!

Prof_Name: Dr. Graham

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Graham was the kindest teacher not to mention incredibly knowledgeable.

Prof_Name: Vinita Ramaswammy

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Ramaswammy is a remarkable teacher for several reasons. She is very smart, easy to talk to and ask for help, open, and must enjoy what she does because she is so good at it. She is very good at taking complex material and teaching it in a way that is easier to absorb and conceptualize. She makes learning accounting interesting and I simply love her teaching style. Everytime I see her name next to a class, I make it a priority to to take it. I learn so much!! Thank you Dr. Ramaswammy for being you - a fabulous teacher, a wonderful person, and an inspiring role model!

Prof_Name: Irwin B. Horwitz

Thank_You_Statement: I would like to say thank you to Dr. Irwin B. Horwitz because he has been so concerned for my well-being. I had a rough patch with my health last semester and he was willing to work with me and help me out. We developed a great student/teacher relationship and see him as a friend/mentor. He may have a rep for being a crazy hard teacher, but he is fair and his work load was just the same as any other class I have ever taken anywhere else.

Prof_Name: Dr. Charles Davis

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Davis is the sweetest man and very knowledgeable with his section of teaching. I learned a lot from him this past semester. I also want to thank him for being so understanding with me and accommodating me when I needed to be accommodated due to health reasons. I look forward to maintaining a relationship with him. You are a great person with so much to offer. Thank you for being you!

Prof_Name: Maia Larios

Thank_You_Statement: 1) You always have a smile on your face, even when the going gets tough. 2) Your passion for your career and Biology made learning in your class fun. 3) Simply put, you deserve thanks!

Prof_Name: Dr. Lori Gallagher

Thank_You_Statement: I want to thank Dr. Gallagher for all the care that she puts into her class, the Center, and her students. She is an excellent instructor, running her classes in a professional and interesting manner.

Prof_Name: Dr. Bill Tinnerman

Thank_You_Statement: Your patients, passion and drive in teaching Organic Chemistry made your students stronger and gave them a knowledge that could be carried over into the next level of their education. :

Prof_Name: Jon R. Taylor, Ph.D.

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Taylor presents class content in an easily understandable format and makes the connection to real-world applications. He strives to keep the material interesting while constantly challenging students to think outside the box and further research topics on our own. He balances learning objectives with supplemental data that helps us make connections between the vast fields of information studied across academic disciplines.

Prof_Name: Dr. Rick Krustchinsky

Thank_You_Statement: This professor in a joy in the classroom and a great advisor. He is the best teacher that I have ever had. He really cares about his student and goes out of his way to make sure that everyone is learning and having fun. I have never met someone more passionate about what he is doing. It is so nice to have someone who can take a

joke as well as he gives them out and he gives the best jokes. It seems a shame to me that not everyone gets to meet this man. Never have I been excited to really go to a science class before I had him.

Prof_Name: Fr. Donald Nesti

Thank_You_Statement: I just want to thank you for all that you are and all that you do for this school and the community. You are a mentor and inspiration to me. THANK YOU

Prof_Name: Livia Bornigia

Thank_You_Statement: You're enthusiasm and commitment is contagious! Thank you for teaching this Class

Prof_Name: Dr. Bonario

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. B. is an amazing teacher. He has a wealth of knowledge that inspires us to learn. He is very helpful and always available for us.

Prof_Name: Dr. Jon R Taylor

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Taylor is amazing teacher. He is 100 percent there for his students. In addition his classes are fun, exciting, and refreshing. Not only that but he is a wealth of knowledge and an asset to the faculty and the students of St. Thomas.

Prof_Name: Dr. J P Faletta

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Faletta is an amazing teacher. The atmosphere of his classes always promotes free and open discussion and he is always available to his students.

Prof_Name: Dr. James Clarage

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Clarage makes physics and math entertaining. He's always open to questions and truly wants to help. I know he cares that everyone understands. I love his corny jokes. His acting skills are excellent when he teaches class as Pythagoras. :)

Prof_Name: Dr. Linda Pett-Conklin

Thank_You_Statement: Thank you Dr. P-C for putting your whole heart and soul into showing your students the world in detail and giving us the tools to be better world citizens and well-rounded students!

Prof_Name: Dr. Livia Bornigia

Thank_You_Statement: I want to give Dr. Bornigia thanks because she constantly shows me how to be a better woman in the world and the culture I live. Dr. Bornigia exemplifies grace, moral character and genuine concern for her students. She is a role model for me now and in the future. Thank you Dr. Bornigia!

Professor: Dr. Shabnam Lutafali

I wanted to thank Dr. Lutafali for the wonderful class. The class was thorough and precisely to the point. I have also received ample support and outside help in order to succeed in the class. I am glad to have taken the class, it was definitely worth taking in order to gain perspective towards the material at hand.

Professor: Dr. Beverly Bubenik

I'd like to thank Dr. Bubenik for the creative execution of the class I just completed. She allowed flexibility in our own learning as well. I didn't feel as though she created "busy" work for us. Her assignments were relevant to our learning. Thank you Dr. Bubenik. busy work Thank you.

Professor: Dr. LeBuffe

Dr. LeBuffe is dedicated to his profession. He carefully examines each of his students to determine the necessary adjustments that are required to ensure individual and collaborative success for all of his students. He is very knowledgeable, organized, detailed, timely, involved, and compassionate. This is a perfect opportunity to say "Dr. LeBuffe, thank you for caring and we truly love and appreciate you!"

Professor: Dr. Michele Simms

Thank you Dr. Simms for being an inspirational and amazing teacher. Everything in the class impacted my life. You brought me out of my shell and took the time to talk to me about my life and about the course. I've never had a class I loved so much or taken so much away from.
