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REF: Letter of Support for Professor Marvin Adleman for the Jot Carpenter Teaching Medal

Dear Reviewers:

Twenty-seven years ago, Marv Adleman took a risk, hiring an individual with no teaching experience, me. I clearly remember our first meeting. He had a keen interest in my ideas for teaching, professionalism and most important, his interest in my joining a team of new and young faculty that would transform the Landscape Architecture Program at Cornell University.

It was clear, Marv had a vision of strong teaching that combined theory and practice. His commitment and dedication, then and now is a powerful source of energy. He arrives before most of the faculty and staff and is still in his office advising students or providing desk critiques in the studio, long after most people have left for home. His commitment to teaching and learning is uniquely genuine, heart-felt and highly influential.

I regularly receive unsolicited comments from students. Some of those comments include:

"Marv never fails to surprise me. The first day I saw him he was wearing a tie with the face of his grandson printed on it... and that was the start of it. Once you endure the arduous engineering assignments he so generously doles out, you get to understand why Marv is such an amazing person. I have never met a teacher who is as dedicated to his students and his profession as Marv. He is a role model to me and I feel lucky to have him as part of my education."

"Marv Adleman is one of the most dedicated professors I have ever come across. I feel it is a great opportunity to study with someone who has the practical knowledge and design experience that Marv has. His resourcefulness is combined with an incredibly warm, patient personality and I think that makes him an extraordinary professor."

"Marv is one of the last of a classic breed of professors. He works you hard, demanding the utmost of attention to detail. At the time you wonder why - until you find yourself in a situation where you suddenly need to recall all the things he taught you. And, due to the care and time he spent with you, you remember it all with confidence."

Much like these student comments, I too, am deeply appreciative of Marv's unflinching commitment to high quality teaching that engages each student as an individual with their unique learning abilities.

Upon the Centennial of the Department, this not so young colleague of Marv Adleman would like to recognize him with an award named for another, then young, colleague from Cornell, the Jot Carpenter Teaching Medal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter J. Trowbridge". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Peter J. Trowbridge, F.A.S.L.A.

Professor