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Dear Amit,

We are delighted to inform you that you have won the Divisional Teacher of the Year 2021.

Congratulations on behalf of the Division and well deserved!

I have pasted all of your nominations below.

With very best wishes,

Ruth

Great rapport with students.

\* Long-term success in UEQ scores and student feedback.

\* Obvious passion for this work.

\* Entertaining and engaging across the four units for which he is coordinator (and almost exclusively teaches)

Innovation:

\* Development of novel online 'virtual labs' to provide a great learning experience despite lockdown.

\* Creative animated presentation of complex optical theories to a very positive student reaction.

\* Determination to see our students through lockdown..

He is the best lecturer out of all the ones I have had. He is so engaging with his content and does the absolute most to deliver his knowledge whether it is through zoom, live lectures, mock assessments or the actual PowerPoints.

Amit can always motivate us students to give our best and learn everything that we need to be the best optoms that we can be. In his lectures his communication is really the best as he can explain really complex stuff very simply which means a lot to me as I have problems with hearing.

Amit produces the best ray and wave diagrams ever and because they are animated and interactive they really help me understand how the light travels and where its refracted which is super important

Thanks Amit for teaching us really well

He has always been an understanding lecturer, who has helped us best adapt to our new modules when making the jump from college to uni.

Genuinely passionate lecturer that has clearly spent time making clear and thorough lecture notes. Concise and articulate in lectures.

Dr Amit is very excellent at communicating he's able to explain everything step by step and this helps me as I am international student. All other overseas students agree too. It also helps that he can speak other language too makes me feel good to be from overseas

we are so lucky that he teaches us three units last year (first year) because this really helps me settle in to uni and the optometry degree

His maths course was really really brilliant and it help me so much in 3 other modules last year and I got good grades because I understood his foundation block maths support module

Dr Amit makes moving diagrams that we can interact with this is really really super for me as I did not do physics before but now his lectures have explained refraction reflection and diffracton and I understand so much more. His videos are super clever and so easy to follow. I like the ones he makes at home the virtual lab experiments - I can then try this with my flat friends and show them what I learning

I never thought that I would enjoy maths and physics and optics but Dr Amit makes it much so fun to learn and all interactive . I can't wait till his next module in semester two because the older students tell us it was really really super to learn from him again

he is a brilliant communicator makes hard subjects seem logical and easy to follow.

during his lectures amit makes us pause and have to read and answer questions to a timeframe to test our knowledge. this is really very good as it is interactive and makes us want to learn. more lecturers need to do this as it is dead helpful.

he makes really nice videos and wave and ray animations and these help me see where the light is coming from and where it is going too far better than a book. this has really helped me a lot as I am not someone with physics alevel.

his exams are always good and are fair too they are not boring essays.

he really thinks about a question before he answers and mostly he asks us questions until we can find the answer for ourselves so he always makes us think about why we are learning the things we are.

most effective forms of teaching, gives good advice, and always goes above and beyond to ensure his students are well prepared. Always happy to help.

He makes really top qual videos and his own animations to help us learn and he explains even really hard stuff step by ste so we understand it

He told us his career path and as I'm Asian too his path is inspiring me to also go into teaching and research

He's the only lecturer so far who I can listen too without losing concentration as he keeps us all entertained with interactive lectures and diagrams and videos all homemade BTW

Amit Dr Jinabhai should win cause he's the best lecturer we've had hands down - noone else even comes close (I'm in 3rd year BTW)

I think that Amit is a very hard-working individual. He really helped and guided me through his unit. I could not have done it without his help. He made paying 9 grand worth it! His energy, enthusiasm and motivation was very refreshing to see. He was very genuine too.
Excellent teacher from day 1 he makes you feel settled, he is incredibly motivating and so supportive academically and non academically too. He is passionate about his field and in every lecture it is always shown. He truly cares about his students and their progress and he loves to incorporate valuable life lessons in his lectures. He always gives good exam support and he will never intimidate you if you have any questions unlike others. His lectures online had the best content, his organisation is like no other and his communication was incredible.
I recall feeling like an imposter in my first year, contemplating whether I should drop out or change courses even though I thought I wanted to study optometry. The way he taught his courses was incredible, most lecturers just expect you to know what they're talking about and if you don't they make you feel dumb but not Amit. He took time to explain anything we didn't understand, but his teaching method is underrated. If in my future I become a lecturer, he is who I will aspire to be like. He was just such a wonderful teacher, he goes beyond what is expected and you can tell he truly cares about his students.
The lectures and teaching skills were unique
Amit receives consistent excellent feedback on the units he teaches where students praise him for his communication of optical theory. He has done a good job of designing and deploying virtual optics labs in the last year.
his style of teaching is very motivating lectures are detailed explained well explained concepts in few different ways so everyone understands it provide lots of practise question in between the lectures to make we are understanding the concept
Dr Amit is an excellent lecturer. When he taught us last year Geometry optics, maths, and Physics Optics, it was my honour to be one of his students. He cares about his students by prepared us for the exam, guided us to pay attention to typical mistakes and advised us how to avoid them. I used to have difficulties to understand physics, but Dr Amit made it very easy to understand, and I got first class in its exam. Also, by listening to his advice, I was able to get the first-class in Geometry optics in resist exam (the 1st exam, I had 29%, while in resist, I had 91%), so I will always be grateful for his extraordinary efforts to make us better students, and better optometrists soon, and would look forward to visual optics this year, and I do believe he deserves to be the teacher of the year.
Amit is the most motivational and inspirational teacher I have ever had; not just in university but in my educational history. He goes above and beyond for his students and prepares them for everything. His support through his course was excellent and any questions I had he quickly replied. Amit also supported and helped with other issues other than academic lectures which is greatly appreciated.
He was the only lecturer who actually motivated his students to learn, he put a lot of enthusiasm into his live sessions and he made his pupils actually want to engage in extra activities. Amit is organised and prepared and that is why I got one of my highest marks in his subjects, he made sure we understood everything and never left us confused.
They were a fantastic lecture best I've had on my course so far. Lecture materials are phenomenal and really assist with our learning. Amit was very passionate and really cares about wanting us to do well.