

Dear Promotion Committee,

It is my pleasure to strongly recommend Joyce Treulieb for a promotion within the Department of Mathematics at Colorado Mountain College, Steamboat Springs campus.

My name is Ivy Gerber, and I am a former student of Professor Joyce Treulieb. Currently, I am a second-year student at the University of Denver studying Spanish and Strategic Communication. My senior year of high school, as a part of the dual-enrollment program between Steamboat Springs High School and CMC, I took College Algebra with Professor Treulieb, and it was the best experience I have had in a math class over the entirety of my academic career past and present.

My initial impression of Professor Treulieb as an instructor was her ability to make math concepts receivable and accessible for students with varying learning styles, not just those with a proclivity towards math. Over the course of my K-12 education, math classes came as a challenge to me, and as a result I developed a low confidence in STEM related courses. That fall semester, I went into College Algebra apprehensive. Not only was this my first college level class, it happened to be in my weakest subject. Additionally, due to Covid-19 the class was taught online, a mode in which I already experience significant difficulty learning through, subject matter aside. Nonetheless, Professor Treulieb had a distinct ability to explain the material in a comprehensible framework that made sense to me. However, she was also equally successful in instructing people in class whose strength *was* in math, like my brother Eli, who is now a college student studying mechanical engineering. At the end of the semester, I ended with an above satisfactory grade, and more importantly a higher confidence in my math ability, an invaluable takeaway, especially now that I am a student at DU.

I appreciated her laid-back teaching style, and her approachability as my professor. Professor Treulieb created a collaborative atmosphere, not a competitive one, a quality new to me in a math class; previously I had experienced unnecessary pressure from my instructor and peers. Even though it was online—a structure that, by nature, can be difficult to establish an atmosphere that facilitates and encourages two-way dialogue between student and instructor—my classmates and I felt comfortable to speak up and ask questions, knowing that they would be received without judgment or inhibition.

Furthermore, given the pandemic and what it meant academically at the time, Professor Treulieb handled the circumstances with grace and it was apparent that she cared about our wellbeing not just as students but as people during an unprecedented period. She was fair and appropriately lenient with coursework expectations. We learned lots of math, yes, but we also had the opportunity to casually converse with both classmates and her frequently. This community dynamic I grew to look forward to each week. Additionally because of this, we got to know Professor Treulieb not only as an instructor of math, but as a person and admirable mentor for college students. She has a great sense of humor, and is passionate about math and about supporting her students in their endeavors—attributes that I have rarely observed in professors, and which made learning (especially a subject I dislike) tolerable, gratifying, and even enjoyable at times.

I had an extremely positive experience taking math with Professor Treulieb. As a former student, I hope you consider Professor Treulieb for this well-deserved promotion.

Sincerely,

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## Treulieb, Joyce

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**From:** Ryan Mitchell <ryanmitch034@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022 12:52 PM  
**To:** Treulieb, Joyce  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Re: Hey Joyce !

To whom it may concern,

I am writing a letter of recommendation for Joyce Treliub. I have had the pleasure of learning under Joyce. I am going to share a personal story. When I first came to Colorado Mountain College, I struggled with mathematics. Excelling in subjects like college algebra seemed impossible. Even more so, a survey of calculus class. I always struggled to focus on mathematics. Taking Joyce's class inspired me and gave me the confidence to excel in mathematics. Her hands-on attentiveness, quick-witted skills, and all-around hard work helped me and other students succeed. After teaching math for hours on end throughout the day. Joyce would make time for me after class to help walk my roommate and I through in-depth math problems. Joyces endless studying that was then transferred to her students helped shape my problem-solving skills. Teaching me that I intrinsically understand and have the confidence to solve these in-depth problems. As I go on and have had multiple other professors from Colorado Mountain College to the University of Utah, there is still not one that has shown more compassion and professionalism than Joyce. Joyce's contribution to Colorado Mountain College has helped me inside and outside of this facility. I am truly honored to have had her as a professor. I'm sure as time goes on and new students filter in and out of Colorado Mountain College she will give them the best education in the mathematics realm. Teaching them to figure out problems with compassion, imagination, and all-around hard work. After working around the clock at Colorado Mountain College providing students with intrinsic knowledge, grading papers, and taking extra time out of her day to fulfill her students with support. Joyce is an all-around hard worker that is very devoted to her work. Thank you Joyce for your contribution to Colorado Mountain College.

Sincerely,

Ryan Mitchell

I can touch it up if needed. Never wrote one of these, I hope it is good ! Thanks Joyce

On Mon, Nov 7, 2022 at 8:50 PM Treulieb, Joyce <[jtrelieb@coloradomtn.edu](mailto:jtrelieb@coloradomtn.edu)> wrote:  
Thank you so much! I really appreciate it! To this email address is perfect!

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November 10th, 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to recommend Joyce Truilieb for her promotion. I have known Joyce for three years, and she is an exceptional teacher who genuinely has each student's success in mind as she directed our studies in class while running her classroom. She guided me through two of the most challenging math classes, but more importantly, she helped me thoroughly understand the concepts and applications.

Since my time at CMC, I have transferred to the Colorado School of Mines, where I am pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Biomechanics. Pursuing this degree would not have been possible without Joyce's help and encouragement throughout my time at CMC.

Furthermore, I cannot say enough good things about Joyce. If she is promoted, I have no doubt that she will excel at this new position and continue to impact the lives of each of her students.

Sincerely,

Ben Casey  
Student  
Colorado Mountain College 2020-2022  
Colorado School of Mines 2022 - present