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**Jack Grubbs**  
for the  
**2022 Teaching Assistant of the Year**

Dedicated, organized, thoughtful, and caring. This is how both students and faculty describe Jack Grubbs, a Materials Science & Engineering Ph.D. student in the Department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering. For his tireless and exceptional service to his students, faculty, and department, we are pleased to recognize Jack as this year's Teaching Assistant of the Year.

The faculty who worked with Jack were impressed by the level of commitment and initiative he demonstrated in each course to ensure all students were supported, such as completing every homework and quiz himself to develop detailed solution guides or helping faculty rewrite quizzes to improve clarity and enhance accessibility. Faculty noted how the students rave about Jack's TA performance, thoughtfully prepared exam reviews, and carefully crafted practice questions. Faculty commended Jack's incredible level of emotional intelligence, as well as his ability to connect with students and treat them with absolute dignity and respect. Jack was referred to as a friendly, thoughtful, and caring young man.

The students were very appreciative of Jack's constant mentorship and guidance. Several students commented on how Jack's dedication to his students and attention to detail in his planned activities stood out as exceptional. Additionally, students described how Jack made classes interactive, enjoyable, and fun even when COVID-19 restrictions were in place and courses were operating remotely, including activities like studying the composite strength of Oreo cookies.

Due to his outstanding support and engagement with students, we are pleased to present Jack Grubbs with the 2022 Teaching Assistant of the Year Award.