Citation of

***Matthew Ryder***

for the

***2018 Teaching Assistant of the Year***

The recipient of the 2018 Teaching Assistant of the Year award has been described as conscientious, thorough, approachable, open-minded, and fair. For his tireless service to the students and faculty of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, we are pleased to recognize Matthew Ryder as the Teaching Assistant of the Year.

The faculty who worked with Matt cited him as being a true collaborator. They applauded him for having just the right mix of creativity with technical knowledge, both of which were needed to design, set up, and test experimental labs in Mechanical Engineering.

Faculty also noted that Matt has been a TA for eleven different courses during his time as a graduate student here. He attends every single class meeting of every course for which he is a TA, just so that he can be in the best position to provide guidance to the students. One faculty called Matt the best TA he has seen this decade and another called him the best TA she has worked with in her entire career!

The students were also extremely complimentary and appreciative of Matt’s mentorship and guidance. Several students commented on how Matt treats everyone with respect and understanding. In addition to help with their technical subjects, Matt also guided the students through issues in group dynamics and professional interactions.

Due to his outstanding support and engagement with students, we are pleased to present Matthew Ryder with the 2018 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.