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Dear Colleagues,

Please join me in congratulating CAPT Mark Larabee, USN, ... our 2014 recipient of the Military Professor Teaching Excellence Award, a new teaching award initiated just this year. This new award is bestowed biennially in even-numbered academic years upon a military faculty member at the Naval Academy whose contributions to the academic, professional, and moral development of Midshipmen reflect the highest principles of excellence in education. Eligible faculty are those military faculty members who have served on the Naval Academy faculty for more than three years, and who exhibit continued excellence in teaching and sustained contributions to the intellectual professional development of Midshipmen.

As a Permanent Military Professor, CAPT Mark Larabee demonstrates what excellence in this role really looks like. Since coming to the Naval Academy in 2006 as an Assistant Professor through to his present-day position as Associate Professor, CAPT Larabee has skillfully combined officership, teaching, and research, using each role to inform and enrich the others while inspiring Midshipmen to high levels of academic achievement. An expert on British modernism, Joseph Conrad, and the literature of World War I, with a published monograph and peer-reviewed articles to his name, CAPT Larabee is also a lifelong learner who humbly takes a seat beside Midshipmen in Japanese language courses. His creativity and range as a teacher can be seen in the nineteen different courses he has designed and taught in the English department, many of which have a global and multi-disciplinary emphasis. This commitment to developing Midshipmen's (and his own) cultural knowledge is equally reflected in his participation as a faculty escort on a study abroad program to Japan. Outside and inside the classroom, whether helping students navigate a tea ceremony, directing an independent research project, or engaging plebes in critical writing exercises, CAPT Larabee is recognized as a caring, attentive, and energetic teacher. His deft combination of professionalism and intellectual inquiry serves as an inspiring model for Midshipmen.

Again, please join me in congratulating CAPT Larabee for all that he does in support of the Naval Academy and the education of the midshipmen!

Best regards,

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