



TURING CENTER

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College of Engineering
Community of Innovators Awards

Dear Committee Members:

It is with great pleasure that I write to recommend Carol Matsumoto for a Staff Innovator award. I first met Carol a number of years ago, when Computer Science & Engineering was still located in Sieg Hall. Carol was one of a few people interviewing for an assistant that I was hiring to help with procurement, travel, and other activities primarily related to the daily operations of grants and contracts. What Carol didn't know was that we encouraged one of the other candidates with previous experience in the department to apply. Carol was an unexpected surprise; she was the rare stellar candidate with glowing references capable of beating out a favorite for a position.

The qualities that so impressed us during her interview and previous position in CSE are still true to her nature today. Carol is an exceptionally well organized, articulate, and diligent professional who can always be counted on to get the job done right the first time in the most efficient way possible. She is extremely courteous, respectful, and fair --- especially when dealing with difficulty situations and/or people. One of the qualities I admire the most in Carol is her humble nature and the ability to pass on praise to other members of her group or team.

Carol rejoined Computer Science & Engineering within the last couple years after working elsewhere within the UW system. We're absolutely delighted to have her with us again. I'll defer to the other letter writers for Carol's most recent performance but as her former supervisor I am very honored to be able to recommend Carol for this award.

Sincerely,

Patrick Allen
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Grant & Contract Manager