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To: Thomas Tobin, Senior Teaching & Learning Developer
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Dear Dr. Tobin:

Thank you so much for your contributions to student wellness at UCR in support of faculty through the "Art & Science of Healthy Pedagogy" program! The session you led about "UDL and Equitable Ed. Tech." was a perfect opportunity for instructors to learn about universal design for learning and best practices for accessible course design, along with concrete strategies they can implement toward the elimination of access barriers. Several participating instructors said your presentation was their favorite out of all the sessions in our program. One indicated that she appreciated your calm and measured demeanor, stating that it helps to make the need to address accessibility seem less overwhelming. The way you were able to expertly model an approach to giving image descriptions to illustrate your slides was extremely impactful for both instructors and members of the XCITE team. Additionally, I appreciate your generosity and willingness to address the outstanding questions that we were unable to cover during the event, and for sharing models and examples of successful campus-wide accessibility efforts. You were impeccably organized and punctual throughout our collaboration with regard to all aspects of the project. You were exceedingly patient and professional with regard to challenges in our payment processes. A colleague at UC Davis who is coordinating a new UDL initiative said she would love to have you come speak to her faculty, and I will be happy to put her in touch with you. It has been an honor and a privilege to collaborate with you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S Eastman".

Samantha Eastman
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