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Dear Ben:

Thanks for allowing me to visit your MTH 243 Probability & Statistics class on Monday, October 28, 2019. It is good being in your classroom.

You have a calm, confident approach to teaching. The students, therefore, also appear calm and confident. You keep the class moving at a steady, deliberate pace, and your students seem comfortable and engaged. They remain focused and on task for their entire class.

I like how you ask the students “What are we talking about?” They respond with hypergeometric distribution. Your brief demonstration of the red and blue dice correspond with the example they’re familiar with the red and blue marbles. It’s effective that you begin with a review and an overview of the concepts, so students are reminded of exposure and practice with the principles, and are now able to jump into the day’s activity.

You continue your class through small groups collaborating on worksheet applications. I like how you have students help each other program their calculators and solve the problems. You continue to bridge content and information with the students.

You do a great job of breaking process down into step by step. You continue to move forward and backward among the students. You provide them with formulae for mean and standard deviation to assist them with their calculations. Your students know *why* and *how* they are doing something not just *what* to do.

I also really like how you have students contribute in class. Students are comfortable sharing and contributing. You gently encourage students and help them see their own progress.

Thanks Ben for your hard work. You have good classroom energy. It’s good having you with us. How can I help?

Take care,

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