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Dear Ben:

Thanks for allowing me to visit your MTH 244 Probability and Statistics II class today. It is a pleasure observing you teach. It is good being in your classroom.

You do a great job of helping students feel relaxed and comfortable. It is obvious you care about their learning and success.

You involve students immediately by having them demonstrate problems on the board. This exercise pulls them into today's content by reviewing previous concepts and connects the problems to the current topic of non- and parametric methods. You do an excellent job of scaffolding the discussion by starting with something they know and asking them to think through the processes they have to consciously calculate solutions. You connect past knowledge and experience to the new concepts. You compare what they don't understand with what they do understand.

I like the organization of your course with a basic pattern of working through scenarios with the students. I like how you use the screen and the board to introduce, explain, and illustrate concepts and problems. You do an excellent job of demonstrating the thought and solution process line upon line and precept upon precept.

Students are comfortable with your amazing website holt.blue. That is such a valuable resource. I also like that students come to class prepared with homework assignments where they've practiced the concepts on their own. You hold them responsible by having them direct the discussion based on their work, but you also use that as an opportunity to evaluate their understanding and performance to assist them with additional explanations, clarifications, instruction, and practice.

You demonstrate that you are a prepared teacher who cares for students and for your discipline. Well done.

Take care,

Rodney D. Keller