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Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching Review Committee
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Dear Review Committee:

It gives me great pleasure to submit this letter of evaluation for **Robert G. Bringle** for the IUPUI Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. I am a professor with over 35 years of teaching, research, and administration experience related to community and civic engagement in campus, national and global contexts. Currently I am a faculty member in the graduate program in adult education, in the Department of Lifelong Education, Administration, and Policy at the University of Georgia. Additionally I serve in national leadership roles within the engagement movement. When identifying an elite corps of faculty members from across the world for the National Review Board for the Scholarship of Engagement (http://www.scholarshipofengagement.org/) and several years later for the national Engagement Academy for University Leaders (http://www2.cota.vt.edu/ea/), I sought Dr. Bringle. Since he accepted both of these commitments, I've had the opportunity to observe and to recognize Dr. Bringle's excellence in teaching. On all occasions, he exceeded my and the learners' expectations. Let me elaborate.

First, Dr. Bringle is not only knowledgeable about the practice of service and community-engaged learning, he is one of the leading scholars on the topic. Therefore, he always brings the latest research to timely, informed teaching. Second, he becomes totally involved in the planning of the initiatives. His insights and perspectives have been critical to developing and implementing relevant, learner/student-focused programs. Third, his energetic, passionate presentations fully engage the program participants, be they students, faculty, administrators or community leaders. In the Engagement Academy for University Leaders, I have seen program participants often seek him out after his formal instruction, requesting further time with him. He is most giving of this time. Fourth, he has excellent, often-utilized assessment skills. Finally, he is an outstanding professor who brings integrity, experience, and the ability to work collaboratively toward the accomplishment of the program goals. You can see why I continue to invite Dr. Bringle to be a key player in these high-profile, national programs.

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I enthusiastically recommend Bob Bringle without reservation for this award. He has demonstrated outstanding achievement in and out of the classroom, nationally and globally, and, given the opportunity, will be a most worthy recipient of the IUPUI Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Sincerely yours,

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