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Aleksandr Yankelevich
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Dear Aleksandr,

I write to congratulate you on your receipt of the *Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence*. This award is a great honor recognizing those who demonstrate excellence as educators and display a record of outstanding service to the Washington University community.

Teaching is an art. In order to succeed, one must inspire students, challenge them, support them as they struggle, assist them to gain confidence in their abilities, and most of all encourage their appetite for learning. Thank you for your dedication to our students and to Washington University. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

Sincerely,

 James E. McLeod
Dean