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Dear Professor Caires and CS100w/200w Students:

It was with great expectations that I embraced your fall 2010 invitation to revamp the San Jose State University's African-American Studies website. Fortunately, my expectations were fully realized.

First, I want to acknowledge the enthusiasm the students had when they arrived at my office for our initial appointment and each of the subsequent ones. During our consultative meetings they arrived promptly, communicated bottleneck issues effectively, and worked with me to resolve them. When we had delays and needed to reschedule, they always gave early notification. Most importantly, they promised to help me learn how to update the new site and scheduled a follow-up appointment to do so.

I was impressed how, after a few conversations, the students were able to capture the type of new image we wanted to project for our department. What they rendered was a thoughtful and artistically engineered new web site for SJSU's African-American Studies Department. Kudos to Josh Lipps, Phillip Chan, Oliver Seet, Kevin Chan, and Victor Frandsen!

Although I was unable to be present during the poster session during which the students unveiled the new website design, I saw it on the excellent video presentation that was linked to your announcement. If interested, please feel free to use our exhibit wall space in the hallway of the College of Social Sciences to advertise the students' work to those who pass by our offices. It is an exciting and visually engaging web design.

This was indeed a thoughtful way to engage our SJSU students in a real world of work experience.

Sincerely,

Ruth P. Wilson, Ph.D.
Chair and Professor