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## Dear Sultana:

When we sat down to compose a letter to thank you for volunteering as a mentor over the past months, we realized that we couldn't express what having a mentor can mean to a student half as well as the protégés do themselves. So here are just a few of the comments protégés currently enrolled in the MentorNet program provided us recently about their mentors:

- "...a tower of support"
- "...helped me regain my confidence"
- "...gives me the boost I need to persevere"
- "...helped me look forward to my future, instead of fearing it"
- "...encouraged me to go beyond anything that I could have imagined"

"Thank You, from the bottom of my heart."

Let me add MentorNet's sincere thanks for serving as a mentor. MentorNet's ability to support the next generation of engineers and scientists rests on the volunteer efforts of professionals like you who offer time, knowledge, and experience.

While not every single mentoring relationship works out, most have a significant, positive impact on the protégé. Some of them go even further and become exceptional experiences with extraordinary benefits to the protégé. "MentorNet has been truly a blessing for me," one of them told us recently. "...a life enlightening and changing experience," another protégé wrote.

Please accept MentorNet's Certificate of Appreciation, which honors your contribution – to the life of a protégé as well as to our mission to advance women and others under-represented in engineering and science, building a more diverse and competitive scientific and technical workforce.

Sincere thanks from all of us at MentorNet, and congratulations on a job well done.

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