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Jedi Joy B. Mahilum

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Dear Ms. Mahilum,

I am Dhan Stephen Penzona Mandin, applying for the position of part-time instructor under your department. I am a graduate of Bachelor of science in agriculture major in plant breeding with a distinction *cum laude* and is only waiting for my graduation ceremony this August 3, 2023. I am eager to be part of your workforce and share my knowledge in the future hence I sent this letter ahead of the official ceremony. Based on your job posting, I meet all the academic requirements mentioned.

Growing up, I am amazed and fascinated about the act of teaching. I have previous teachers that I really look up to which imparted their knowledge and expertise which brought me to where I am today. With all that, I also have a fascination to science. This, together with our family background being farmers, I took up agriculture major in plant breeding. This choice was also influenced by one of my lecturers in Agricultural botany in my first year that ignited my passion to pursue this field. I aspire to be like her and help student develop their love for the subject as well as agriculture as a whole.

During my last year in the university, I interned at DA-Crop Biotechnology Center where I mostly worked on the molecular genetic laboratory. There, I learned about the methods on genotyping rice seedlings for pre-breeding materials. I was exposed to different gene of interests for various utilities. Additionally, I actively participated in our organization activities such as tutorials lectures on the principles of genetics as one of the tutors.

While I may not have an experience yet in teaching, the prospect excites me knowing that it will also help me develop my skills in teaching. Moreover, I will be able to apply my learnings in my studies to this job.

I look forward to be a part of your faculty and contributing to the development highly competent students in plant breeding and genetics. I eagerly await your call.

Sincerely,

Dhan Stephen P. Mandin