Dear Faculty Member,

The challenge pilot program provides high-achieving first-year students at Kresge, Merrill, and Stevenson with a rigorous curriculum emphasizing dynamic interaction with UCSC faculty and academically motivated peers in classes, social settings, and collaborative research projects. The program consists of classes and activities designed to foster close faculty-student interaction over four quarters.

Frosh who have a fall quarter GPA of 3.3 and have satisfied the Entry Level Writing Requirement are eligible to apply to the program during winter quarter. Students selected for the program then enroll in one of three small, participatory, and innovative research seminars offered by the three colleges in the spring.

Your signature below indicates you have read the student's Statement of Purpose, and that you can attest to the student’s abilities to excel in the Academic Challenge Program at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

The student also may request that you email a recommendation, but this is optional.

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Faculty Signature                  Date

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Student Signature                 Date