The comments below are a small sample of student recommendations for 2011 Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students (http://www.upenn.edu/provost/graduate_teaching_prize). Students are from Stat 101 and Stat 102. For further reference, please contact Professor Sasha Rakhlin (Stat 101), Professor Larry Brown (Stat 102), and Professor Linda Zhao (Stat 102). Their contact information can be found on the Wharton School’s Statistics Department website (http://statistics.wharton.upenn.edu/).

“Hyunseung held many extra review sessions to help our class prepare for quizzes and midterms. His popularity widely exceeded the capacity of all Wharton classrooms. Most review sessions had students sitting on the stairs or standing in the back of the room as everyone loved his extra review sessions. Hyunseung held sessions late night sessions which are easier for students to attend as opposed to afternoon review sessions.”

“I absolutely loathe statistics. Anything that resembles in math confuses me greatly. Kang understands exactly what confuses his students and will explain the same concept several different ways so that each student can grasp the concept. I am the type of student who hates going to office hours, because I feel like I'm admitting defeat. However, I will go to Kang's office hours because he truly cares that students understand the material. This semester, he hosts review sessions for Stat 102, and each time I've attended a session, more people have been in the review than I've ever seen attend a lecture. Clearly, Kang is a boss.”

“Hyunseung is an extremely dedicated TA. He goes above and beyond what is expected and is always available to lend a helping hand and extremely responsive to questions and concerns. He prepares additional study materials like study guides and notes to ensure that we all learn the material. I have never had a TA before Hyunseung that dedicated so much of his own time to ensuring that his students truly feel prepared and have all the adequate resources to succeed.”

“He holds review sessions before every quiz and test in which the room is packed to capacity or more every time. He outlines the course and reteaches it almost in a much clearer way than lecture even. He also creates review guides to help students organize all the material.”

“Hyunseung is the hardest-working and most helpful TA I have had during my four years at Penn. He proactively organizes review sessions, writes up notes to help explain course concepts, is extremely accessible. Thanks to his dedication I've gone from being afraid of statistics to being very interested in them. I therefore strongly recommend you pay special consideration to his candidacy.”