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Dr. Mauricio Garcia-Barrera
Associate Professor
Department of Psychology
Faculty of Social Science

Dear Dr. Garcia-Barrera,

Congratulations on being selected as the 2021 REACH Award recipient of the Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Supervision and Mentorship.

The selection committee was inspired by your modelling of leadership, care and ongoing support of graduate students. They also recognized your co-supervision of honours students along with your graduate students. This model was exceptional, and it allowed for your graduate students to benefit greatly from the opportunities you provided to practice presentations, just as one example.

The committee also noted your commitment to and strengths in valuing equity, diversity and inclusion. These values are fundamental to creating safe spaces for dialogue, not just in the classroom but across the university. You exemplify the true nature of this award—outstanding graduate student supervision and mentorship that upholds UVic's value of excellence in all endeavours.

In celebration of your selection for this prestigious award, we are looking forward to hosting a REACH Awards recognition event. We are working out details about how this may occur with the changing health environment, and we will reach out to you in the coming weeks regarding this event.

Thank you, Mauricio, for everything you do to support our students, and for your thoughtful mentorship of graduate students. Congratulations once again on your award—and all of your teaching achievements.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valerie".

Valerie S. Kuehne, PhD
Vice-President Academic and Provost

cc: Dr. Lois Harder, Dean, Faculty of Social Science
Dr. Steve Lindsay, Chair, Department of Psychology
Dr. Laurene Sheilds, Executive Director, LTSI
Nominator: Justin Karr

