

Hi Ben,

I just wanted to thank you for your consistent time and effort in teaching our Physics discussion this semester. I've really struggled with learning physics especially under this semester's circumstances, but you are a great teacher and have made this course somewhat manageable. Your genuine care for making sure all of your students learn the material, your ability to answer all our questions and check in to make sure we are understanding everything, as well as the extra effort you put in has made all the difference. You are truly one of the best GSIs I've ever had at my 4 years at Cal. Thank you for really caring about us students and making discussion enjoyable. Also thanks for introducing us to the sheep! I've really enjoyed being in your discussion section and wish you all the best.

- Brianna

I could not have asked for a better GSI in this difficult class and this wild semester. You truly go above and beyond for the sake of our learning - make us write on chalkboards and work in groups so you can make sure we are doing the work right, explain concepts until we for sure knew what we were doing, and host review sessions for the whole lecture, AND in discussion (which really saved me on these midterms). And even in this uncertain time, I can count on you to be a stellar GSI over Zoom. Thanks for working so hard to make sure we can succeed! also thanks for having sheep that also know physics!

- Tommy

Hi Ben,

Thank you so much for all that you have done for us doing this semester. You have gone above and beyond and I am so grateful for your hard work. Physics, let alone any class at Berkeley, is extremely challenging and having a good GSI can really help make the class for me. Your ability to help us with problems and your willingness to answer any questions, especially without being annoyed of repeating yourself, is incredible and very helpful. I really liked the way you set up discussion where we were able to work in groups and do problems on the board because it helped a 2 hour discussion seem not as treacherous.

Thanks again!  
Emily

Thanks for being our GSI!! The sheep zooms were definitely a highlight!

- Chloe

Thank you for everything Ben!  
Through out this semester you have been so supportive and engaging. I've looked forward to our sections every week. You've made what would otherwise be a very difficult class enjoyable and rewarding.

- Miles

BENNNN!!!

You're an amazing GSI and honestly you're the only reason why I survived Physics 8B! Thank you so much for all the time and effort you put into teaching us. I'm so glad and lucky to have been in your section, and I'm really thankful you were my GSI. Thank you once again for everything you've done for us this entire semester! I really enjoyed our discussions and your mini-lectures (and the sheep of course).

Best, Eunjee

Thank you so much for your hard work Ben!! Your dedication to making sure all of us understand the material (despite all the craziness this semester) is admirable. Wish you (and your sheep!) all the best in your future endeavors!!!

- Sarah

Dear Ben,  
I came into 8B dreading physics from a not-so-great time in 8A, and expected this semester to be just as painful, if not more. But your commitment to teaching us, your patience, and your encouragement to ask questions and stay engaged helped me to understand and even enjoy the material, and I am so incredibly grateful for that. More than giving me a newfound appreciation for physics, you really helped me realize that even if a subject/ something in life seems awful/ impossible, there is a chance it isn't so bad, which is a lesson I'll carry with me a long time :) It's GSIs like you who make Berkeley such an amazing academic experience.

Sincerely,  
Teja

ps. I love your sheep a lot and hope to live on a farm one day too.

Hi Ben!

I really appreciate how much effort you put into preparing for sections and thoughtfully answering our questions in class. Physics is a daunting subject for me, and your ability to make every question seem valid really helped me get through the class. I hope you receive recognition from the Head GSI/Professor Lowhorn for the exceptional quality of education you provide to your students! I hope you have a great end to the semester!

-Alanna



Ben,  
Thank you so much for being an incredible GSI. Every day you went above and beyond for us. You made learning physics interesting and fun, and I always looked forward to coming to discussion. As a senior, I've had many GSIs but you are THE BEST. I really hope you continue to teach in the future, because you are a great teacher. You make physics both fun and easy to understand and I think a lot of students would learn to love physics if they were taught by you. I'm going to miss seeing you and Sky and Rosie and Clover every week! Thank you for making my last semester at Berkeley so memorable.

Best of luck on the road to your PhD, :)  
Alexa

Ben!  
Where do I even begin! I can start by saying that you have been one of the most impactful educators I have had the pleasure of learning from. Your passion for the subject material and your dedication to giving us high-quality problems and discussion sections was evident every single Tuesday and Thursday. It's hard to believe just how much I learned from you! I always thought that physics would be a subject where I would have to accept not knowing how something worked, but you showed me that that didn't really have to be the case. Thank you so much for teaching us in a way that was approachable, engaging, and clear. I always had to make sure my microphone was muted (and it wasn't once oops) so I could laugh at the jokes you made. You made physics fun!

Good luck for what the future brings for you. I know you will continue to do amazing things.

- Andrea

Hi Ben!

You have been a phenomenal GSI this semester! Thank you for going above and beyond for us, and I really appreciate all of your efforts and patience in teaching us and thoroughly answering our questions. I can't thank you enough for urging us to write out problems on the chalkboard and to work in groups, as well as leading amazing and super helpful review sessions before each exam! You make physics fun and easy to understand, and your passion for the subject shines through each week. Even though this has been a wild semester, you remained extremely supportive of all of us, and I always looked forward to your discussions. Plus, I can always count on your sheep to make my day — I will miss seeing them every week! :) You have been one of the most wonderful instructors I've known, and I have loved learning from you.

All the best,  
Clare

Ben,  
Thank you for making physics something fun to learn. I personally hated physics before, and after being in your discussion, it made me interested and connected with the material (I may not know it all that well, but at least I appreciate it). I also want to give an extended thank you for the amount of work you put in before virtual learning, and the work you put in through virtual learning. You were my only hope in passing physics through this unprecedented time. I also want to thank you for the inclusive environment you've created for us. I never felt dumb and I felt valued when I was able to ask questions. Thank you and I hope you get all the recognition that you deserve.

-Samantha

Hi Ben!

Thank you so much for all the time and effort that you have put into giving us the best Physics 8B experience that we could have. I really appreciate everything you have done for us and really going above and beyond to helping us in every way that you can. I did not have the best experience with 8A discussions and often struggled in that class so I came into 8B unsure of myself and my abilities in physics. 8B was definitely challenging, but I thoroughly enjoyed coming to discussion every week and working on problems with everyone and being able to ask you questions without feeling judgment. I always leave discussion feeling more confident about physics so thank you! And BIG THANK YOU!! for being one of the BEST GSI's that I've had here at Cal! (also the sheep was a very cute bonus! Please tell them hi for me !!)

-Katie

Hi Ben,

You've been an outstanding GSI this past semester. Your consistent dedication to keeping your students informed and engaged has been one of the few constants in my education during this turbulent semester and really helped me keep up with the challenge of physics (and I'm sure I'm not the only one!). The collaborative environment you fostered made all the difference between a positive learning experience and another frustrating semester of physics for me, and I can't thank you enough for that.

Seriously -- thank you for being as thorough and approachable as you are, and I wish you and the sheep the best in all your future endeavors. (And I'll be looking out for our brilliant Sky's next breakthrough in physics!)

Sincerely,  
Zahra

