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Dear Daniel:

Thanks for providing your teaching portfolio. You continue to grow as a teacher and a valuable member of the department. It's always good to see an overview and read your own responses of all your classes in addition to my single class observation.

It's the beginning of a new semester, so I've been rereading two of Elder Bednar's talks where he teaches meaningful principles that can guide you as you continue to strengthen your teaching portfolio. In "A Reservoir of Living Water," he admonishes us to search the scriptures seeking connections, patterns, and themes. And in "Seek Learning by Faith," he clearly states:

- The Holy Ghost is the only true teacher.
- We are most effective as instructors when we encourage and facilitate learning by faith.
- An instructor's faith is strengthened as he or she helps others seek learning by faith.

Since your teaching portfolio is more than a storage facility of teaching materials and student evaluations, it is necessary to look for your own connections, patterns, and themes as you facilitate learning by faith through the Holy Ghost. How does your teaching portfolio reflect your own learning and teaching by faith?

Thanks for your reflective responses throughout your portfolio. Those become the strength of your portfolio as you examine who you are, your perceptions of students, your feelings about teaching your courses, and your students' work. Thanks for sharing those elements.

You have a strong, well-organized, and demonstrative portfolio.

You are one of our brightest stars, and we're grateful that you're with us. You are growing as you try to magnify your many assignments.

Thanks for all you do. How can I help?

Take care,

Rodney D. Keller