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## **REFERENCE: MR ALLAN CARRINGTON**

It is a tremendous privilege to provide this reference for Allan Carrington. I have known Allan for a number of years, but until 2010 he was only peripheral to my radar. In 2010 in my role as Associate Dean (Learning & Quality) in the Faculty of Sciences, I was part of the team that developed and subsequently rolled out the largest iPad trial in the world (~850 students that enrolled into a Sciences program in 2011 were given a free iPad). Allan was invaluable in assisting us both with 'what if' scoping as well as practical hands on training for staff (which came to be known as 'Padagogy 101' sessions). His enthusiasm and passion for using technology to enhance learning is contagious. I personally relied heavily on his support during the first months of the iPad trial as I came to grips with a device that allowed me to dramatically change the way that I teach and reflected Allan's "it's all about the students" mantra. The students sitting in my class that semester never met Allan, but they were incredibly well served by his support of me as the teacher.

In April of 2011 I became Allan's line manager as Acting Director of the Centre for Learning & Professional Development. From this vantage point I became very aware of just how deeply Allan's support of creative approaches to teaching & learning extended through the university. *So many* staff have been challenged in their thinking and supported into alternative approaches through Allan's "but wait there's more!" enthusiasm; *so many* students have been the beneficiaries of these approaches.

Allan became the first winner of the Professional Staff Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Student Experience at The University of Adelaide in 2011 (the award had been available for a number of years but never awarded prior to this). He was undoubtedly a worthy recipient and has set the standard for those that will follow.

He is an outstanding nominee for an OLT Citation.

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