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My name is Yu Sato from Japan, and I am a student at UC Davis. I found out about Shayan Richet through my housemate. I had never taken any riding lessons before I met Shayan, and I've taken about 30 lessons from him over the course of 10 months. I remember when I first met him to introduce myself -- Shayan was very friendly, funny, and enthusiastic. I already knew then that working with him was going to be great and fun, and it is really true!

Shayan and I first worked on my balance and posture. He used many unique ways of teaching so I was able to start feeling confident and safe on the horse during my first lesson. He has taught me not only the riding skills and technique, but also the care and behavior, communicating with the horse, and much more. After taking Shayan's lessons for almost a year, I feel that I have become not only physically but mentally stronger than ever before.

I really do not think I would be where I am if I have not met Shayan. He is great at adapting to each student and matching horses to students so they can learn the most efficient and effective ways. I also really appreciate he is always willing to take his time and help me reach our goal for each lesson.

Most of all, Shayan is ethical, amazing, sweet, and caring. He respects your time and financial situation. He always gives the best care for horses and never spares any effort. I believe an instructor like Shayan is a true teacher who you can learn from about anything. I am truly grateful for everything that Shayan has taught me this year and I am truly looking forward to many more years of our riding journey together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Yu Sato', written in a cursive style.

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