“Her positive and accepting attitude is encouraging and respectful. The course work was well organized.”

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“Of all of my professors, he really wanted to get to know the students individually. He made us think and really promoted diversity in the classroom. He also made us feel very comfortable and able to share our thoughts and opinions openly during class.”

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“I want to grow up and be like them someday.”

“Helped me transition from high school to college. Has a great teaching environment and really gets to know his students.”

“By challenging me to actually work to learn the information, more than just getting a good grade and being done”

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SUMMARY

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Out of the 593 students that participated in the 2015 Sophomore Survey, 314 students (53%) acknowledged one or more faculty or staff members who have positively influenced their experience at NAU. The table below summarizes the names and departments of the top faculty/staff members who were acknowledged five or more times.

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<td>CHRISINA BURKE (5)</td>
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While most of the compliments were for faculty and academic areas, acknowledgment was also given to other areas such as Educational Support, Extended Campuses, Honors Program, and Housing & Residence Life among others areas.

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#### Comparative Cultural Studies (8)

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<td>Gulacsi, Zsuzsanna</td>
<td>She has gone above and beyond to encourage students to research and explore the class martial as well as other related topics which students find interesting. She, with out a doubt, the best professor I have had at NAU.</td>
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<td>Hunter, Jennifer</td>
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<td>Kohn, Tara</td>
<td>Was the most supportive teacher that I had while I was grieving after my dad passed away.</td>
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<td>Rodin, Krista</td>
<td>Dr. Rodin is an excellent professor. Her passion and knowledge of other cultures made the LS courses more interesting.</td>
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#### English (18)

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<td>Ashley, Lisa</td>
<td>She's made me feel welcome, and I feel I can go to her for anything or any problem.</td>
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<td>Baron, Vera</td>
<td>she got me to care about being a teacher and she was very nice and supportive</td>
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<td>Canfield, Robert</td>
<td>Being a genuine, honest person</td>
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<td>Cupp, Rachel</td>
<td>Inspired me to add my English minor</td>
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<td>Edwards, Chase</td>
<td>Extremely positive and friendly, open to every idea, has a respectful attitude towards her students, is always there when a student needs her</td>
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<td>Gabriel, Gerald</td>
<td>Positively</td>
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<td>Gordon, Rebecca</td>
<td>She is amazing. It is clear she loves her work and clearly cares about the students as well. There are other professors I like as well, but nothing says devotion quite like the amount of work she does for our class alone.</td>
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<td>Grant, Jonathan</td>
<td>He has made learning and writing a joy for me and other students. He emphasizes the importance of finding passion in your work and allows us to think outside the box on a regular basis.</td>
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<td>Greenberg, Alissa</td>
<td>Influenced my creativity and inspired my college career</td>
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<td>Hansen, Angela</td>
<td>An amazing adviser, deeply involved instructor, passionate about benefiting both her students and colleagues and is wonderful under the stress and expectation to do well in a job that is given little respect from the school. The humanities are over looked in a big way and it is a wonder that instructors like her contribute so much, but are given so little back from the school when it comes to funding and recognition.</td>
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<td>Marchesi, Patricia</td>
<td>Helped me both in my classes and in my major.</td>
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<td>Renner, Karen</td>
<td>Dr. Renner is one of those rare professors that actually takes time to sit down with you and work out issues with an assignment. She is not only interested in your performance in the classroom, but is also concerned about how you are doing personally. I have had such a great experience with her teaching that I have decided to take another class taught by her next semester.</td>
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<td>Ruwe, Donelle</td>
<td>Helped me both in my classes and in my major. She has been incredibly supportive and helpful</td>
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<td>Shockey, Kama</td>
<td>They were all amazing teachers and went to many lengths to provide for their students.</td>
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<td>Woodman, Allen</td>
<td>Kind, funny, encouraging and knowledgeable about his subject without bogging down the class with busy work. Creates a safe, shared space for students to honestly express themselves</td>
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#### Global Languages & Cultures (14)

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<td>Adachi, Mary</td>
<td>She has given me a fond memory of her class</td>
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<td>Clark, Virgil</td>
<td>Makes learning Spanish incredibly fun and clear. Always gets the class involved and excited. Does demonstrations to really get the point across. Overall great teacher.</td>
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<td>Collentine, Joseph</td>
<td>He is a great professor that knows how to keep the class entertaining and fun.</td>
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<td>Hess, Erika</td>
<td>Professor Hess is very supportive and informative and a lovely person to be around!</td>
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<td>Negishi, Makoto</td>
<td>She cared and worked incredibly hard for my success and is a fantastic teacher.</td>
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<td>Okubo, Chie</td>
<td>Helped a lot with Japanese and made learning it really fun. One of the best teachers I've had here at NAU</td>
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<td>Rulon, Michael</td>
<td>Helpful, Fun, Good Teacher</td>
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Serpas, Daniel
Both these teachers are amazing teachers and have taught me so much. Professor Howard is such a great teacher and leads great discussions and lets everyone have an opinion and respects it.
Tieke, Benning (3)
Further inspired my love for Spanish and motivated me to continue with earning a minor in Spanish.
Vandermale, Vicky
Helping see there's more to the world than America.

History (4)
Carlson, Christi
always going to extra mile to help me
Kalb, Martin
Great content and kept class interesting
LaBuff, Jeremy
Great teacher, always has time for his students! Loved his World History 100 class
Varela-Lago, Ana
She indirectly made me pursue a teaching profession through her methods and openness.

Philosophy (7)
Joiner, James (2)
Helped me understand different views and approaches to school and life.
Kirk, Gregory
He's a mentor and consistently believes in me even when I don't. He provides the tough love I need to motivate myself to keep going.
Kosso, Peter
Taught my Hon 29K course on Gravity and it was the most interesting and engaging class I've been in so far.
Matteson, Jason
sparked an interest in the material I am being taught, I've gained more from his PHI 331 class than any other class at NAU. This class has made me want to continue to stay in school and work for a degree in Environmental Sciences, and specifically stay at NAU.
Pryba, Russell
His flexible teaching style adapted to my changing needs as a student and his approaches to subject matter kept me engaged.
Vance, Jonathan
Of all of my professors, he really wanted to get to know the students individually. He made us think and really promoted diversity in the classroom. He also made us feel very comfortable and able to share our thoughts and opinions openly during class.

School of Art (4)
MacKenzie, Jessica (2)
She always has a positive attitude and always encourages us to do better. She also works with and sees what other teachers are doing and makes sure to include what she learns in her classes. She also makes sure to include real-life criteria in our assignments and projects. I feel that she is really preparing me for the really world.
Stephens, Pamela
Kind, supportive, willing to work on problems
Willis, Franklin
Made me see more than with my mind and eyes about the world.

School of Music (9)
Cloud, Judith
Both have helped me decide that my major is definitely what I want to pursue.
Copley, Edith (2)
Both have helped me decide that my major is definitely what I want to pursue.
Inguanti, Cris
Professor Inguanti has been my most influential professor since coming to NAU. He puts my academic and musical career first in our lessons and always drives me onto the right path for what I need to grow.
Lapins, Alexander
Inspiring me to keep pursuing music and be hungry for new music
Ramos, Mary Ann
Encouraged and helped me become a better musician.
Schmidt, Daniel
He is an amazing musician who has a lot to offer when he is in a good mood.
Tackitt, Elliott
Personal attention and motivation.
Tochka, Nicholas
My World Music class is always full of discussion, and Professor Tochka teaches through discussion, in a way that I have not had since my AP classes in high school. He is good at asking questions that promote discussion, and make us think. I enjoy his class immensely, and have learned a lot, simply because Professor Tochka is enthusiastic about the subject, and that makes me want to learn.

Theatre Department (7)
Alexander, Benjamin
He's always ready to answer my questions and be supportive of my interests.
Dennehy, Christina (2)
She brought me out of my shell freshman year. She also wrote an amazing letter of recommendation which helped me to be accepted into a competitive study abroad program. They were all amazing teachers and went to many lengths to provide for their students.
Lofstrand, Darby (2)
Darby is a constant source of support and encouragement to me. She is always available if I need advice about something and, as a transfer to the theater department, she has helped assuage any confusion and concerns I have had in making the transition. Not only is Darby a great instructor in the classroom, but she does everything she can to make sure you are having the best experience possible outside of the classroom, as well. I have endless positive things to say about Darby and she is a HUGE part of what I am. She has helped me greatly improve my abilities.
The W.A. Franke College of Business

### Advising (5)

- **Drake, Christine**: always was extreme helpful with planning for the future.
- **Lovich, Sharon (4)**: Always inviting and extremely knowledgeable and helpful.
  - Helped me through every class, and has helped me make future decisions pertaining to internships, jobs and classes.
  - No Additional Comment
  - She has pointed me in the right direction to follow my progression plan, encouraged me in the decisions I have made regarding my major, and answered the small questions I have had.

### School of Hotel & Restaurant Management (9)

- **King, Kathleen (3)**: No Additional Comment
  - She has been super helpful and thoughtful to not only me but other students.
- **Mann, Darwin**: I learned a lot in his class.
- **Molinaro, Mark (4)**: Chef Mark teaches his students that we should enjoy everything we do. He gives us the tools to be successful and have a good time doing so.
  - Empowered me with leadership skills and creativity
  - Enthusiastically gets people excited about our future - gives challenges and emphasizes innovation
  - expanded my ideas, and techniques with cooking and overall thinking about my future career.
- **Siler, Suzanne**: She has provided the SHRM community and myself with the necessary resources to gain experience, further our careers, and enjoy ourselves in the process.

### The W.A. Franke College of Business (21)

- **Amer, Beverly (2)**: Incredible encouragement
  - Very Understanding
- **Amer, T.S.**: Dr. Amer/Dr. Navarro seem to truly care about the student's ability to understand the concept, which is far from what I have seen with other teachers. Most that I have had thus far just spurt out a concept and expect you to fully understand from that. Dr. Amer and Dr. Navarro legitimately will see when you do not understand and go back to further explain. I would recommend both of these teachers to anyone taking Accounting classes.
- **Baca, Nancy**: Always friendly and helpful, always finds a way for you to connect to the material
- **Campione, Wendy**: They have all been engaging in their lectures, encouraged new ways of thought or done a great job of bringing me into the world they tried to teach me about, provided anecdotes, made me question everything I thought I knew or caused me to form a new perspective. Most of them are active in their fields.
- **Devin, John**: His business law class helped me determine which type of law I wanted to go into.
- **Dunfee, Margaret**: She has made class very interesting and fun
- **Hewes, Lisa**: She has reinforced my potential and goals in life
- **Holcomb, Sara**: They have all been engaging in their lectures, encouraged new ways of thought or done a great job of bringing me into the world they tried to teach me about, provided anecdotes, made me question everything I thought I knew or caused me to form a new perspective. Most of them are active in their fields.
- **Morgan, James**: As both instructor and club advisor, Dr. Morgan has been readily available and always willing to provide help.
- **Navarro, Shirley (2)**: Dr. Amer/Dr. Navarro seem to truly care about the student's ability to understand the concept, which is far from what I have seen with other teachers. Most that I have had thus far just spurt out a concept and expect you to fully understand from that. Dr. Amer and Dr. Navarro legitimately will see when you do not understand and go back to further explain. I would recommend both of these teachers to anyone taking Accounting classes.
  - No Additional Comment
- **Shinham, Kathe**: Excellent, encouraging teacher
- **Staskey, Jennifer (2)**: Make the difficult subject very understandable
  - They have all been engaging in their lectures, encouraged new ways of thought or done a great job of bringing me into the world they tried to teach me about, provided anecdotes, made me question everything I thought I knew or caused me to form a new perspective. Most of them are active in their fields.
- **Thomas, T Paul (4)**: Encouraged me to pursue my interests
  - He was the first teacher I had after switching to business and I chose the right major because he showed me everything I'll need to know
  - He's awesome
  - Nice teacher
Wilburn, Nancy

They have all been engaging in their lectures, encouraged new ways of thought or done a great job of bringing me into the world they tried to teach me about, provided anecdotes, made me question everything I thought I knew or caused me to form a new perspective. Most of them are active in their fields.

Yordy, Eric

Took the time to get to know me, made me feel like a person not just a student.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (6)

COE: Educational Leadership (3)

Wood, Gerald (3)

He is always available if a student needs help in class, or with our projects. He has been a teacher to rely on.

He makes himself available for his students and takes time to help his students individually.

Provided me with the materials to deepen my understanding of education and what it means to be an educator.

COE: Educational Specialties (1)

Brady, April

Their class encouraged me to stay in my major

COE: Teaching and Learning (2)

Taylor, Elizabeth

Townsend, Susan

Her positivity and drive has encouraged me throughout the semester

I feel that Susie not only has taught me in numerous classes, she took the time to get to know me personally and was much more of an advisor that my advisor was. I couldn’t have been successful this far without her.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, FORESTRY, & NATURAL SCIENCES (72)

Advising (5)

Bierer, Susan

She is always willing to go the extra mile for students. She is constantly working, and trying to create activities that can help the student feel comfortable with their career path.

Holder, Ryan

I WANT TO GROW UP AND BE LIKE THEM SOMEDAY.

Mendez, Barbara

counselor

Monks, Jennifer

Very personal with the students, remembers what the student’s interest are, great personality

Osburn, Janet

She is an awesome advisor and is always helpful and welcoming.

Biological Sciences (22)

Gehering, Catherine

Hill, Mar (2)

She is very concerned about my experience in her class and took to heart our suggestions

She is an amazing teacher. One of the only ones (I’ve had here) to really make going to class enjoyable.

As well as making me excited about my major.

She made me interested in my degree, and made me want to seek out more information outside of class.

greatly appreciate what NAU has to offer

Kellar, Robert

Lee, Michelle

Meilander, Jeffery (2)

Great teacher, very enthusiastic

Positive feedback and compliments on my work

Pierotti, David (12)

excellent teacher! Always available and helpful.

Great professors

He is always there and willing to help. He doesn’t hesitate to take the time to get to know you and your abilities

He understands his students and treats us like equals.

He values his time wisely to his students. I enjoy his lectures, they are very well explanatory.

He’s an amazing professor

He’s been a great instructor

His positive attitude makes me want to learn more. Also he is willing to do what ever it takes to ensure that all the students understand what is happening in the class room.

Incredibly passionate about subject he teaches and makes me want to come to class

Makes classes interesting and is very engaging in courses

No Additional Comment

Pollak, Peggy (2)

She made BIO 181 interesting and interactive. Great teacher. Gave me a solid foundation for BIO 205 and BIO 201

She prepares great notes and teaches the class to where everyone understands. I have learned a lot from her about not only biology but grammar, syntax, and semantics of the English language. Her teaching style is phenomenal.

Schonauer, Melissa

Dr. Schonauer helped me with my major and allowed me to interview her for SSS

Center for Science Teaching & Learning (2)

Fray, Scott

Great resource, mentor, and teacher.

Johanson, Jo’el

she is always available and makes class fun
### Chemistry & Biochemistry (10)

- **Altamirano, Alvin**
  - He was my first year chemistry professor. I enjoyed the class so much I wanted to get a minor in Chemistry.

- **Cruickshank, Brandon (5)**
  - Amazing teacher
  - great office hours and teaches chemistry in an engaging way.
  - He is always helpful and takes the time to make sure his students understand information
  - He teaches really well and I learn more from him than my actual professor.
  - He was a very personal professor who truly cared about his students and went out of his way to make his class enjoyable and make sure students remembered deadlines
  - They were all amazing teachers and went to many lengths to provide for their students.

- **Dishong, Isabella**
  - always positive, available for appointments and always encouraging students to strive for excellence in Organic Chemistry which is a very difficult class
  - Helped me improve study habits. great to learn from
  - No Additional Comment

### Civil Engineering, Construction Management, & Environmental Engineering (6)

- **Lamer, Mark**
  - Made every class interesting instead of boring. Very interactive with the class, as well as, conveying the needed information to each and every student.

- **McDonnell Dianne**
  - Dr. McDonnell promotes a very open and safe classroom environment and her career path is what I strive to have. She is a great role model.

- **Odem, Wilbert**
  - Making me excited about engineering

- **Reiboldt, Alarick**
  - good with office hours and talking to students who need help

- **Tingerthal, John (2)**
  - he sends me information on scholarships and internships all the time, I can't attend because I have class but I will most likely attend when I can
  - Very motivational for me to pursue my degree

### Electrical Engineering & Computer Science (6)

- **Heynssens, Julie (3)**
  - Made me fall in love with EE
  - She has made my first two EE classes very enjoyable and helped me understand the material.
  - She made me love my major and made learning easy but hard work

- **Vanderberg, Maggie (2)**
  - Been an outstanding instructor.
  - Best CS teacher I have had yet

- **Weber, David**
  - He inspired me to become a CIS major.

### Mathematics & Statistics (15)

- **Blows, Terence**
  - Very helpful, positive, and encouraging

- **Christina, C**
  - She is a great upper level math teacher and knows how to get her students to properly master lessons and topics.

- **DeGraw, Arthur (3)**
  - Calculus 1 taught me that college is not easy and that I have a lot to learn
  - he was one of the best math teachers I have had. He always cared about helping you as much as he could
  - Makes calculus an engaging process

- **Edgerton, Stephanie**
  - She taught us well and made us feel smart and important.

- **Ernst, Dana**
  - He was by far the best professor I've ever had. Extremely helpful and overall just a great person

- **Fahy, Matthew (2)**
  - Helped me transition from high school to college. Has a great teaching environment and really gets to know his students.
  - Making classes interesting and fun, and confirming that I want to be a math major

- **Hagood, John**
  - He was the most informative professor I've had. He taught exactly what he was supposed to, and didn't try to integrate anything else in the classroom.

- **Huck, Guenther**
  - Gives good in class examples.

- **Kennedy, Ellie**
  - She has made learning enjoyable

- **Rushall, Amy (2)**
  - This teacher helped me more than I could have ever hoped for.
  - she's there every time I have need assistance

- **Vera, Salvador**
  - Inspired me to improve my teaching abilities.

### Mechanical Engineering (4)

- **Tester, John**
  - Has been an adviser and great help with internships, yet I've never had him as an instructor

- **Wood, Perry (3)**
  - Club adviser and puts time in for all his students
  - He's a great person to talk to, and he makes sure that you're listened to. He also ensures that you are succeeding not only in his classes, but in all classes.
  - Wrote rec letter for me, showed me the uses of solid modeling software

### School of Earth Science & Environmental Sustainability (1)

- **Brumbaugh, David**
  - No Additional Comment

### School of Forestry (1)

- **Miller, Cheryl**
  - showed me around the forestry building and taken interest in my overall life.
Jensen, Christopher. Showed me what I need to do and all requirements I need to meet for entrance into the nursing program.

Johnson, Eva. Eva has been extremely helpful in planning classes and making me feel confident in my ability to handle a large course load. She is supportive and genuinely cares about the students she helps. Unlike other advisers, there is not even a hint of judgement when meeting with Eva. I look forward to two more years of advising with her.

Culbertson, William. Has been a great instructor and is very knowledgeable on the subject

Pedersen, Sonya. She is always very nice and understanding, and does her best to make sure students do well in her courses

Pratt, Dayne. They were all amazing teachers and went to many lengths to provide for their students.

Sullivan, Katharine. Helped me clarify what I want, improve habits, stay positive

Tanner, Dennis. He has helped me develop study habits and get excited to compete my major

Fritzler, Julie. SO MUCH HELP AND GUIDANCE THROUGHOUT

Ryan, Tiffany. SO MUCH HELP AND GUIDANCE THROUGHOUT

Morrison, Ashley. As my advisor, she has provided helpful assistance at every turn, even as NAU makes every effort to make profit without much care for it's student's actual education.

Ridlen, Rachel. No Additional Comment

Young, Rachel. SO MUCH HELP AND GUIDANCE THROUGHOUT

Antes, Scott (2). advisor for anthropology club who is accepting of students if other majors with an interest in any aspect of anthropology

Awe, Jaime. He is an exceptionally helpful teacher and has taught me a lot about my major.

Burke, Chrissina (5). Given me clear feedback and advice

Crowie, Claudia. They have all been engaging in their lectures, encouraged new ways of thought or done a great job of bringing me into the world they tried to teach me about, provided anecdotes, made me question everything I thought I knew or caused me to form a new perspective. Most of them are active in their fields.

Shepardson, Britton (2). Dr. Shepardson has been invaluable in helping me determine my career goals and how I can work towards them. He has also been a great mentor for me during my time at NAU. Really cares about students and will do anything to work with them and answer questions even if its out of class.

Vasquez, Marina. Made transition to college easier and much more pleasant.

Alvarez, Alexander (3). helped me to understand that I matter and I can succeed. sparked interest in subject and shows he cares about his students success

Arazan, Christine. Dr. Arazan helped me get an internship and has offered valuable advice along the way.

Limmer, Jaimee (2). In every class where she was my professor, she was always so nice and understanding. Also, she seems very invested in my future her at NAU. It's nice to know that I'm not just some face in a crowd of students.
She's extremely helpful and understanding. Her classes are engaging and informative.

Lubick, Nancy (2)
Made the classroom environment comfortable and fun. She is always available if I need help or suggestions on how to improve my grade.
No Additional Comment

Maniglia, Rebecca (2)
No Additional Comment

Maring, Colleen (2)
cares about students, is always there to help
No Additional Comment

Subjack, Jeanne (6)
cares about students, is always there to help
Has made learning and class fun and not a hassle
No Additional Comment

These two professors have dramatically made class more fun and valuable to attend. Their energetic energy motivated me to come to class. They also provide great real life examples to comprehend more the material being taught in class. These two professors like to bond with everyone in class make the classroom environment very comfortable that a lot of my classmates already such a great bond in the classroom.
They have all inspired me through there class to pursue my career goal

Gooding, Frederick (12)
Both of these professors have expanded my way of thinking of understanding greatly
Dr. G made every single class fun, entertaining, enjoyable, and very educational. His style of teaching completely changed my perspective and opened my eyes to new ideas and views on diversity, and life in general.
Dr. Gooding is the advisor of Black student Union, in which I am part of the Executive Board, and continues to give us incite on what it means to be a leader. He encourages us to Learn about ourselves and he creates a safe place for us to share with him the issues we have on or off campus.
Dr. Gooding opened up my mind to very real issues.
Encouraged me to succeed
Great professor really encouraging and positive! Helped me really think critically on how our everyday lives can affect how we look at others who are different in any aspect
Has acted as a mentor to me
He encourages students to think more intensely than in any other class I've taken thus far.
He has shown views of different people in a creative and fun, plus he respects his students and there thoughts.
No Additional Comment

Montoya, Mark (2)
Created a positive and enriching experience in an area I did not previously think about.
The best professor I've had at NAU so far; very good teacher

Ratchford, Jamal
By encouraging students to lead discussion

Clark, Robert (2)
They were all amazing teachers and went to many lengths to provide for their students.
Took this course as an elective and ended up taking more with the same teacher because he is so great. Always helpful to students, very flexible working with your schedule, fair and open to questions, comments, discussions, concerns.

Anderson, Matt (2)
he has gone above and beyond to help me in psych 230
This faculty member is very encouraging, and always available and willing to help students with problems they may encounter.

Barger, Steven
He made statistics fun and interesting while making sure we all understood the information!

Berry, Julia
Very helpful and understanding, wants students to succeed...

Daiss, Suzanne
Helped me plan my life for the next 10 years. Its stressful but its the truth.

Houser, John (2)
made a hard class more comfortable to ask questions
By challenging me to actually work to learn the information, more than just getting a good grade and being done

Huffman, Ann
Dr. Huffman was willing to meet and work with me to pursue future goals of becoming an organizational psychologists. Even though we had just made, she gave me multiple opportunities to get involved and seemed eager to work with me. This gave me confidence to work even harder toward my future goals.

Stevens, Larry
I could talk to him about various concepts from class and he provided a calm atmosphere

Sydeman, Summer
They have all inspired me through there class to pursue my career goal

Tidikis, Viktoria
Efficient teaching, relatable, fair, understanding, makes class interesting.

Whetten, Jason (6)
He involves the students in discussions and is always there for us

Ethnic Studies (15)

Geography, Planning & Recreation (2)

Psychological Sciences (18)
. helped me see all the career paths I can take with my degree
. His enthusiasm about the class made me really love the class. He has been my absolute favorite teacher so far.
. Mr. Whetten has a friendly attitude and makes learning fun. Shows a great interest in the academic achievements of his students.
. No Additional Comment

They have all inspired me through there class to pursue my career goal

Politics & International Affairs (2)

Gee, Gretchen
. No Additional Comment

Hultgren, John
. Dr. Hultgren provides an array of perspectives in class and values all opinions. He explains difficult concepts in effective ways and is a brilliant lecturer. He truly cares about the success of his students and takes the time necessary to help them individually.

School of Communication (14)

Biggs, Joshua
. Biggs: helped guide me towards a career

Camden, Laura
. Camden: not a teacher of mine but a mentor

Castillo, Giovanni (2)
. Giovanni pushed me and went above and beyond to teach me what I needed to know in his class.

Dryden, Amy
. She truly cares about what she teaches us and helps us apply it to real life skills.

Gialanella, John (3)
. He fosters an environment where we are free to share our ideas and thoughts of our own work as well as other in a comfortable environment. He challenges students to push themselves further with their design work and their own styles. He has an appreciation for those who work hard and is always understanding when you approach him with an issue. He’s been a challenge, but one that I would love to have again.

. John has been the only teacher on campus who has actually cared about his students and has gone above and beyond to help them, even when it comes to issues outside the classroom. In all honesty he’s the only teacher that has made me want to continue my education at NAU. He is very professional and explains things clearly. He always responds to emails, and extremely quick for that matter. I have learned so much from John and he is not only an asset to Visual Communication but to NAU as a whole.

. Reliability. Vast Knowledge of Subject. Open to share/experience creativity. Insight to real life situations.

Gilbert, Russell
. No Additional Comment

Hessinger, John
. Hessinger: made me feel beneficial to the department

Horn, Amy
. she has inspired me to keep at pursuing what I love.

Lei, Richard
. Inspired me, given great career advice, improved my knowledge of my field greatly.

Minkler, Sam
. Minkler: challenged me and encouraged me to take things one step further

Rodrigues, Marisa
. I have learned so many valuable lessons about school, the world, and life from her various classes. She is also very dedicated to students and has been able to help me during office hours and through emails. I would argue that I have benefited the most at NAU from taking her class

Sociology & Social Work (9)

Damskeym Mary
. SO MUCH HELP AND GUIDANCE THROUGHOUT

Everhart, Katherine
. intelligent woman, makes me want to learn

Lucas, Warren (2)
. awesome

. He made me look into different aspects of my life and figure out what I want to do. He’s so much more than just a sociology teacher.

Luna, Yvonne
. Her charisma is very refreshing.

Mahmoudi, Kooros
. opened my eyes, and made me think father outside than I usually do

Rhodes, Melissa (3)
. Helped lead me in the right direction

. she made me fall in love with the field and taught real life hard situations

. The most understanding and caring professor I’ve ever had!

Women’s and Gender Studies (3)

Ferell, Myra
. Taught me very important skills when dealing with different opinions, and is a feminist role model.

Heller, Meredith (2)
. Both of these professors have expanded my way of thinking of understanding greatly

. Made me see more than with my mind and eyes about the world.

OTHER AREAS (62)

Academic Transition Programs (1)

Canning, Patrick
. very positive person, truly cares about individual’s success
Johnson, Erik
Being a great real first boss

Air Force ROTC (3)
Friend, Mark
He has shown concern and interest in my academics and career plans
Mallory, Brian
Helped me make a decision that would greatly improve my life.
Wetmore, Ross
Has been a good influence in my life. Has also make clear that he is there to help with many issues.

Army ROTC (1)
Silva, John
By helping me with ROTC needs.

Center for International Education (1)
Armstrong, Melissa
Most supportive of my goals and helpful advising

Center of Ecosystem Science and Society (3)
James, Michele (3)
No Additional Comment
She has made me want to and also become a better person and I will forever be appreciative.
She was so helpful during the transition to NAU and she’s incredibly supportive and kind.

Colorado Plateau Research (1)
Chandos, Amy
They were all amazing teachers and went to many lengths to provide for their students.

Counseling Services (1)
Suzen, Derya
Helped me through a lot of difficult times

E-Learning Center (1)
Doherty, John
Unbelievable teacher; kind and extremely smart
No Additional Comment
He always encourages students to thrive and reach for their goal even when the goal seems impossible or improbable. He is also very well informed about NAU and is able to discuss multiple programs/majors that best suit an individual. He is very quick at picking up on what advice students need in order to benefit the student. Again, he is extremely informed about a lot of different things around NAU.

Extended Campuses (18)
Baker, Jordan
Unbelievable teacher; kind and extremely smart
Brand, Nicole
No Additional Comment
Cook, Michael (2)
Office hours, guidance, discussion
Helped me beyond the classroom and we chat every now and then.
Davies, Regina
always answers emails in timely manner
Garelick, Risa
She just made learning very fun and is understanding of issues going on outside of class.
Gross, Fredric
patient, explains math in a way i understand, sets us up the work for us to be successful. Different methods of teaching for different learning styles
Howard, Emily
Both these teachers are amazing teachers and have taught me so much. Professor Howard is such a great teacher and leads great discussions and lets everyone have an opinion and respects it.

Johnson, Charlotte
Teaches material in a style that is relatable to her students and helps to prepare us for our careers after graduation
Johnson, Mary-Ann
Helped me plan classes
Johnstad, Susan
Always being available to talk and help when needed, even though she’s extremely busy.
Kalb, Martin
Improved my writing and was just plain awesome at instructing
Kestler, Christina
Persuading me to study calculus more
Laird, Taryn
was friendly and is the type of person who is personable. It’s easy to talk to her and get help on math and that is one of the reasons why I’m currently doing so well in the class.
Mason, Lewis
No Additional Comment
Scheel, Mindy
She has taught me many things and been so positive and encouraging!
Wolhein, Sofia
I was always excited to go to her class. We spoke quite a few times after class and outside of class and she always says hello to me even though I am no longer in her class. She really took the time to get to know me and she was so friendly and full of energy. She also took time out of her day to give me advice even when she was busy. Definitely my favorite instructor here at NAU.

Zowada, Michael
Helped me understand math in a way I never have before and helped me become positive and confident in my mathematical abilities.

First-Generation Programs (5)
Chase, Kevin
Guiding
Davis, Christine
Extremely helpful and simply being a charismatic professor.
Despain, Mark
Helped me throughout my first year, with my ups and downs
Green, Misty. always had faith in me and was there to talk if I needed it
Wong, Steven. Keola is a great individual and advisor. He created an environment that made me feel safe and understood. When I was going through personal problems he motivated me to continue to strive for greatness and pushed me to continue on with my studies. Throughout my years here at NAU he is the one faculty member that has made a difference in my life.

Gateway Student Success Center (3)

Borthwick-Wong, Emily. She is always available to help me when I need it. She has helped and encouraged my participation on campus and in classes.
Capp, Justin. Justin worked really hard as my advisor to keep me up to date on everything that would keep me successful. He always responded when I asked him questions and knew a huge amount about the university and classes.
Kuntz, Adrienne. By genuinely supporting my academic goals, thoroughly explaining requirements and courses, and understanding my areas of interest and recommending additional courses in those areas

Graduate College (1)

Watwood, Maribeth. Before she became the Dean of the Graduate College, she was Head of the Biology department. She is the Liaison for the Biological Sciences RLC. Through this RLC I have been able to make connections in the field I am planning on going into. I have been talked with research professors, seen the electron microscopes, and had so many more opportunities. The community mentor Mackenzie and Maribeth have worked very hard this year and without them I would not be even close to where I am now.

Honors Program (6)

Dakan, Cassandra. Dakan was able to return my love of reading which has made my classes far more enjoyable.
Davalos, Emily. When I first entered college, Emily pushed me in the area of academic writing. She helped me to become a confident writer and a more confident person.
Ellison, Season (3). First and one of the view instructor's to take personal interest and care in me as a student and as a young adult.
No Additional Comment
Hansen, Glenn. She helped me to be a more well-rounded student and citizen

Housing & Residence Life (5)

Cusker, Corinne. She has been a great mentor throughout my collegiate experience
Graper, Sara. They encouraging, having fun, enjoy their resident and keep the positive attitude around.
Newbury, Tammy-Lynn. Always being a positive person in my life daily.
Stokes, Jay. They encouraging, having fun, enjoy their resident and keep the positive attitude around.
Velazquez, Jessica. She has helped me to realize my true potential

Inclusion and Multicultural Services (2)

Chase, Valeria. She is always sending out flyers and other resources on campus to help us much better. Also, she has also helped me out when making choices with my career.
McZee, Taran. Shows interest in me and helps me to become a better leader and student

Native American Student Services (2)

Doctor, Sharon. Sharon has helped me out the entire time I was here at NAU. She helped me out without everything and I wouldn’t be here without her help.
Frank, Kathleen. Always answers questions

NAU-Yuma (2)

Sandigo, Alma. Mrs. Sandigo has had us use practice within our class time to learn what we as educators would be teaching, and that is an unforgettable experience. She also has us use a lot of background knowledge when doing our works or projects.
Smiley, Susan. Always accepting of individuals differences and always is open to class discussion and hearing her students out.

Student Affairs (2)

Payne, Cindy (2). She welcomed me to NAU with open arms and also introduced me to some of my best friends.
No Additional Comment

Student Support Services (1)

Baugus, Morgan. She’s a helpful person in general

University College (2)

Ketchner, Kevin. Made me excited to think and stretch creative boundaries.
Pfeffer, Mara. Changed my life