



## FACULTY/STAFF COMMENTS REPORT 2016 Sophomore Survey

*"Just amazing instructor; very helpful and available for questions. Loved his teaching style allows students to think outside the box."*

*"They have helped me understand how to have balance in my life, have helped me explore my future goals, and provided much needed support"*

*"Created an environment in the classroom that was the most welcoming and open that I have experienced and emphasized the importance of understanding other cultures."*

*"He's a really great teacher and keeps me engaged with a topic I thought I would find really dull. He is always amiable and makes sure that students always feel comfortable participating and succeeds in doing so. Overall A+ teacher"*

*"By far, the best professor I have ever had. Takes the time to ask how students are doing, he believes in us, and genuinely cares about our success and what we learn in class."*

*"He has impacted my experience here at NAU because he was the first teacher I had here that helped me succeed and encouraged me to work hard and do well. I always look forward to his class, and was he was very easy to talk to, whether about my struggles in math or just small talk. He made calculus easy to understand and made my second semester here at NAU an interesting one."*

*"Amazing professor. Her classes are challenging and fun. Guest speakers. Group activities. I learned an incredible amount of applicable information in her class."*

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## SUMMARY

The Office of Planning and Institutional Research has conducted the Sophomore Survey since 2002. Beginning with the 2004 survey administration, students have been asked, *“If any member of the NAU faculty or staff has positively influenced your experiences at NAU, please complete the following information.”* Students are then asked to provide a name, department, and comment.

Out of the 495 students that participated in the 2016 Sophomore Survey, 277 students (56%) 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 four or more times.

### MOST ACKNOWLEDGED FACULTY/STAFF 2016 Sophomore Survey

DAVID PIEROTTI (8)	Biological Sciences
JENNIFER STASKEY (5)	The W.A. Franke College of Business
DAVID WEBER (5)	The W.A. Franke College of Business
CHRISSINA BURKE (4)	Anthropology
SIGMUND BOLOZ (4)	COE: Teaching and Learning
BRANDON CRUIKSHANK (4)	Chemistry & Biochemistry
ZSUZSANNA GULACSI (4)	Comparative Cultural Studies
JAMES JOINER (4)	Philosophy
SONYA PEDERSON (4)	Health Sciences

While most of the compliments were for faculty and academic departments, acknowledgment was also given to other areas such as Gateway Student Success Center, Disability Services, and Housing & Residence Life among others areas.

The Office of Planning and Institutional Research has been reporting on this student comment question in the last twelve surveys. Deserving particular accolade are the four faculty/staff who have been mentioned by at least one student each year this question has been asked.

### FACULTY/STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 2004-2009, 2011-2016

**Scott Antes**  
*Anthropology*  
*College of Social and Behavioral Sciences*

**Peter Kosso**  
*Philosophy*  
*College of Arts and Letters*

**Brandon Cruickshank**  
*Chemistry and Biochemistry*  
*College of Engineering, Forestry, and Natural Sciences*

**David Pierotti**  
*Biological Sciences*  
*College of Engineering, Forestry, and Natural Sciences*

## 2016 Sophomore Survey Faculty/Staff Comments

This report lists the comments recorded by students when asked:

**"If any member of the NAU faculty or staff has positively influenced your experience at NAU, please complete the following information."**

Please note the following comments were edited for spelling only, and if a student provided multiple names with one comment, the student's comment was duplicated for each faculty or staff member.

Any Department Level critiques were provided directly to the respective academic areas.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS & LETTERS (65)

#### Advising (1)

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| MacSkimming, Kelsey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Always made time to see me to answer a hefty amount of questions and had even conducted outside research to help direct me to other connections. I would highly recommend her to anyone.</li> </ul> |
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#### Comparative Cultural Studies (7)

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| Gervasio, Danielle      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ She listens, she cares, and brings a sass to the table that makes her instantly likable. I have never felt as a science major that I was less in her eyes, in fact just the opposite she fosters everyone's knowledge in the classroom. Thanks Danielle, for everything!</li> </ul>   |
| Gulacsi, Zsuzsanna (4)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Both provide amazing feedback and stimulated my mind the most.</li> <li>♦ Dr. Gulacsi have helped me in making sure I am academically on track with my CCS/GSEP major. She also an amazing professor in both of the classes I have had with her.</li> <li>♦ I did not have a lot of confidence in how I was performing academically at NAU. She talked to me after my first test of the year and gave me a very nice compliment on my academic potential. She also gave me lots of good career and major advice. The conversations I had with her were what largely influenced me to declare my second major as Comparative Cultural Studies.</li> <li>♦ Inspired me to double major in Comparative Cultural Studies and encouraged my academic endeavors.</li> </ul> |
| Kohn, Tara              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Both of these professors have encouraged me to explore and grow in my field. They are wonderful assets to NAU!</li> </ul>   |
| Sanchez Vizcaino, Elena | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Incredibly inspiring, encouraging, and helpful</li> </ul>   |

#### English (14)

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| Ashley, Lisa          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Support positive and caring for her students</li> </ul>  |
| Barron, Nancy         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ She's my internship mentor and has given me many opportunities to grow as a person as well as situations to help development my leadership skills.</li> </ul>  |
| Davis, Christine      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ The absolute best professor I have had thus far at NAU</li> </ul>  |
| Farness, Jay          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ I have taken two courses with this professor now and I have learned so much about literary concepts and writing from him. He has had a very positive effect on my academic career and I have really enjoyed his teaching.</li> </ul> |
| Jones, Erica          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ she's really positive and accepting, also helped me in ENG105 things like critical analysis and articulating my thoughts</li> </ul>  |
| Koch, Rachel          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Rachel Koch is kind, patient, and open minded. She is encouraging and extremely committed to providing her students with the tool they need to succeed.</li> </ul>   |
| Lane, Barbara         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Good methods of teaching and learning</li> </ul>   |
| Mortellaro, Gabrielle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ She challenged me academically and helped me to thrive in my worst subject. She has been the best teacher I have ever had.</li> </ul>  |
| Richards, Danielle    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ She has helped me so much in growing in my writing and overall English experience.</li> </ul>  |
| Ruwe, Donelle         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Challenging course, detailed discussion, and comfortable environment.</li> </ul>   |
| Walker, Nicole        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Amazing teacher, encouraged my growth as a writer and a student</li> </ul>   |
| Wright, Heidi         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Welcoming, helpful, kind, smart</li> </ul>   |
| Yamamura, Timothy (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Supportive and helpful for success</li> <li>♦ Taught me how to better express my thoughts and expanded my knowledge outside myself.</li> </ul>   |

#### Global Languages & Cultures (11)

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| Collentine, Joseph (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ He challenged the students but also explained why different elements of the Spanish language are the way that they are. He was very kind, available, and helpful. I learned so much from this professor and would recommend anyone to take a class with him.</li> <li>♦ He is very willing to help me progress as a future Spanish teacher, and was very willing to meet with me and help me accomplish my goals.</li> </ul> |
| Fetty, Blake           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ this was my first time back to college in 20 yrs. He was very positive and enthusiastic. He is a wonderful teacher and is one of the best I've had in my entire life.</li> </ul>   |
| Massoletti, Kevin (3)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Has been an amazing teacher and is always there for his students.</li> <li>♦ He is very open and funny; he really cares for his students.</li> <li>♦ He's really there to help the students and he is just an awesome teacher in general.</li> </ul>   |
| Negishi, Makoto        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Taught Japanese very well and helped me a lot during office hours</li> </ul>   |
| Reese, Marilya         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Encouraged me to study abroad and helped me develop a love for German language</li> </ul>  |
| Schairer, Karen        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Improving my language skills</li> </ul>  |
| Wargo, Chris           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Provides a fun yet informative semester of Spanish 202. He is understanding and promotes student success.</li> </ul>   |
| Wood, Jessica          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Helped me succeed in learning Spanish</li> </ul>   |

#### History (2)

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| Connell, Charles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Encouraged my learning and abilities and made class interesting</li> </ul>  |
| Porter, Camarin  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Both of these professors have encouraged me to explore and grow in my field. They are wonderful assets to NAU!</li> </ul> |

#### Philosophy (14)

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| Arel, Joseph       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Helping me think critically</li> </ul>   |
| Joiner, James (4)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Few teachers or professors successfully encourage logical/independent thought the way Professor Joiner can.</li> <li>♦ I have never been so encouraged to think both critically and appreciatively about my worldview in reference to others'.</li> <li>♦ Stayed unbiased in his teaching, yet kept the class very interesting and thought provoking.</li> <li>♦ They have encouraged my curiosity, provided a support system where one was lacking within the school, and provided an extremely open classroom setting for the students.</li> </ul> |
| Kirk, Gregory (2)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ He was the best professor I have had to date, inspired me to become a philosophy major, was a mentor to me, and kept me responsible for myself.</li> <li>♦ His conviction in PHI105 helped me further define my ethical viewpoints. Brilliant and influential individual.</li> </ul>   |
| Lenhart, Stephen   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ He made philosophy into something easy to understand, he didn't take himself too seriously, and there was an immense amount of mutual respect.</li> </ul>  |
| Maring, Luke       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ He's been a great teacher and encourages us to challenge him to further our education in his class</li> </ul>  |
| Piering, Julie (3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Acting as a mentor</li> </ul>  |

- ♦ All of these teachers introduced me to economics/philosophy and made class so interesting, enjoyable and relatable. They were all great teachers who were there for me in and out of the classroom. I didn't know much about economics or philosophy before them and now because of them, I am an economics major and I plan on going into law because of how Dr. Piering encouraged me and made me so interested in philosophy.
- ♦ Professor Piering has made me feel as if NAU is my second home, with her inviting presence I have no problem going to her with questions about the coursework or just want to discuss topics in life. Her door is always open :)
- ♦ Encouraged me the past year
- ♦ They have encouraged my curiosity, provided a support system where one was lacking within the school, and provided an extremely open classroom setting for the students.

#### School of Art (5)

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| <p>Hess, Jason<br/>Jelsing, Nicole<br/>Maier, Sara (2)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ A wonderful teacher and supporter.</li> <li>♦ Helped me realize that a studio art major was where I need to be, that I can make it as an artist. Also I just enjoy her company.</li> <li>♦ By being a good teacher and helping me when I need it.</li> <li>♦ No additional comment</li> </ul> |
| <p>Santana, Melissa</p>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ She gives us advise daily on assignments and out of class prospects in our field and how we can become the best students, humans and designers possible.</li> </ul>   |

#### School of Music (8)

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| <p>Garcia Corona, Leon</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Created an environment in the classroom that was the most welcoming and open that I have experienced and emphasized the importance of understanding other cultures.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Gunderson, Margaret<br/>Hemphill, Steven<br/>Holder, Ryan (3)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ She helped me become comfortable with who I am</li> <li>♦ clear instructions and support</li> <li>♦ Helped me rework my progression plan when my major advisor did not allow me to take a class I need to graduate.</li> <li>♦ Provided a safe place in choir for me to be myself while learning new things and making friendships.</li> <li>♦ Though many professors have helped me, Dr. Holder helped me work through my first year when I was deciding whether or not to stay at NAU. He has always been very supportive and helpful.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Ramos, Mary<br/>Tackitt, Elliott</p>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Best cello teacher I've ever had and fostered positive environment in cello studio</li> <li>♦ Awesome band director! Has helped me improve musically.</li> </ul>  |

#### Theatre Department (3)

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| <p>Winterhalter Lofstrand, Darby (2)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ She was very welcoming and created an environment of trust</li> <li>♦ She's very helpful and willing to help you with any questions she has. She encourages new ideas and always has a good word.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Yowell, Robert</p>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Given me opportunities to lead and grow in an area that stimulates me.</li> </ul>  |

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (9)

#### Advising (1)

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| <p>Horseherder, Tomantha</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Tomantha has been a great advisor so far; she's helped me figure out my plan &amp; has showed what I need to do in order to succeed.</li> </ul> |
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#### COE: Division of Student Services (2)

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| <p>Rice, Colleen (2)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ She is always available to answer questions or meet with me. She is very organized and makes sure that I leave with all the information.</li> <li>♦ She is always there for support and help</li> </ul> |
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#### COE: Educational Specialties (2)

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| <p>Gallagher, Lawrence<br/>LeFevre, Judith</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Family Friend really helped me transition here</li> <li>♦ her class policies are unique and incredibly beneficial to students. Best teacher I have ever had.</li> </ul> |
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#### COE: Teaching and Learning (4)

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| <p>Boloz, Sigmund (4)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Always willing to talk, comforting, wants me to succeed and will do anything to help me to</li> <li>♦ Both professors have made me feel connected to the university. Both are incredibly kind, knowledgeable, and caring individuals.</li> <li>♦ he genuinely cares about his students and goes over and beyond to help us succeed</li> <li>♦ Sig is so passionate about teaching and ignites that same passion in all of his students. He truly cares about each and every student and constantly provides encouraging feedback throughout the practicum experience. By far, my best instructor at NAU.</li> </ul> |
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### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, FORESTRY, & NATURAL SCIENCES (75)

#### Advising (2)

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| <p>Carrozzino, Jennifer<br/>Osburn, Janet</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ I went to her for advising, and her advice really made all the difference.</li> <li>♦ Janet is very helpful and pretty good at with what she does.</li> </ul> |
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#### Biological Sciences (21)

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| <p>Araya-Anchetta, Ana<br/>Beresic-Perrins, Rebecca<br/>Burchinal, Krystal</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Great professor</li> <li>♦ She has been really helpful in advising me and helping form my career goals.</li> <li>♦ She has been the most amazing TA in my experience at NAU. Her passion, knowledge, and caring spirit has deeply impacted me as a student and as a person. She cared about every student and made me feel special as a person in every class period. She has been the most caring TA that I have ever met at NAU and she was so excited to learn from us and to teach us about the anatomy of the body. I cannot explain enough about what her teaching style and personality has meant to me the past semester.</li> </ul>               |
| <p>Kellar, Robert</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ He was passionate about what he was teaching us in Anatomy and Physiology I and it really showed through his lectures and it made me want to go to class and learn.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Lee, Michelle (2)</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Amazing professor. Her classes are challenging and fun. Guest speakers. Group activities. I learned an incredible amount of applicable information in her class.</li> <li>♦ She was just a great professor and I always wanted to go to class and work hard</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Low, Trevor</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Helped me want to understand what I was learning not just handing me a sheet of paper to turn in and get a grade for it. He helped me really love anatomy!</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Pierotti, David (8)</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Dr. P is one of the most intelligent, caring professors at NAU. He makes learning not only enjoyable and fun but also very interesting. He inspires students to try their best and he is definitely someone I look up to and admire deeply.</li> <li>♦ Excellent teacher</li> <li>♦ He has made my second year at NAU less stressful. He is incredibly helpful and encourages me to do well.</li> <li>♦ He is concerned with each students wellbeing and truly wants to see everyone succeed and does everything he can to help.</li> <li>♦ Made coming to class fun and exciting</li> <li>♦ Made difficult material very fun and easy to learn</li> </ul> |

- ♦ They have definitely helped me improve my academics and they take time to help me one-on-one to make sure I understand concepts and materials.
  - ♦ Very passionate and enthusiastic about what he is teaching
- Pollak, Peggy**  
**Shuster, Stephen**
- ♦ She teaches us so much and cares about how we do and makes sure we get the material we're learning
  - ♦ Stephen is inspirational and considerate, he lets us know that we do not have to be geniuses now to become great and he shows us that we can accomplish anything. He is a very enthusiastic professor. He also gives great advice on opportunities involving biology research.
- Sommer, Stefan**
- ♦ I was not able to choose one as all of the above faculty members individually impacted my life. In particular, the faculty within the department of Physics and Astronomy are the best I have come by and I am so grateful for their involvement in my academic experience. I would love to go into depth into how each one individually impacted my experience, however this would be an entire essay. However, I will attempt to concisely explain each one. At the top of my list is Andrew Lebovitz, as I do not believe he gets enough recognition as he is a new teacher. Andrew Lebovitz is a gem to this school and not only is he very good at articulating mathematics at a deeper level rather than simply explaining formulaic methods that equip us with the tools necessary only to pass a test, but he is also one of the kindest teachers on this campus. Andrew Lebovitz wants his students to succeed and is extremely approachable if you are struggling. Beyond this, however, him along with a few other teachers were extremely helpful when I was in a time of need last semester, and had it not been for the help of him and a few other teachers, I would have had to go home take some time off. However, Andrew is not only willing to help you succeed academically but is willing to take the time out of his day to ensure that you succeed inside and outside of the classroom. Along with this, his approach to homework—a necessary part of mastering mathematics—was the best I have encountered thus far at this school. I was bummed to hear that he was forced to integrate WebWork into his classes this semester. In addition to Andrew, the professors who helped me immensely in a time of personal need and did not just make me feel like another student on their roster was Randy Dillingham, Kathy Eastwood, and **Andreas Sommer**. I would like to particularly note **Andreas Sommer** because he has the sincerest and kindest character I have encountered in many, many years and he went above and beyond to help me at a time that I was struggling. Both of my lab professors, Lucas Klein and John Kistler, have both been very great in their own ways. John Kistler was very helpful in bridging the gap between the physics curriculum and career opportunities outside of the classroom when he helped me get a job at Lowell Observatory. I appreciate Lucas Klein for always being approachable in lab in helping us understand physics—which should be the ultimate goal—while still keeping the professional line between helping us understand the nature of our majors and not providing us with answers. I really appreciate his approach to teaching lab in this manner because he has been really helpful in expanding my knowledge of physics beyond anything that the textbook could provide. Beyond this, the atmosphere he promotes during lab is very calming and he always tries to ease our stress by simple things such as beginning each class with a short current events story in the news—expanding our awareness from that beyond physics to current world events—or even just telling a funny story to promote a better working atmosphere. Jason Whetten is excellent at his job and knows exactly how to engage students in a way that makes them understand the content without oversimplifying the content. None of the teachers I put on this list were because I found their class easy—rather, they all effectively communicated hard concepts. Randy Dillingham is another one of the kindest and most helpful teachers I have had, inside and outside of the classroom. I have to say Andrew Lebovitz been the most impactful, however I am sure that many of the teachers on this list have equal capacity in making a positive impact on my life had I ever found it necessary to reach out to them more than I have, because I am confident that most, if not all, of the faculty on this list are equally as approachable. I hope each of the faculty mentioned above are getting their full recognition for their positive addition to Northern Arizona University. Had it not been for the teachers mentioned above, I would no longer be attending Northern Arizona University.
- Westra, Christine (3)**
- ♦ Dr. Westra is amazing. Harvard med school graduate and she's a mom! As a non-traditional student who went back to school in their late 20s., I had reservations about my major/career path. Dr. Westra not only made my first semester academically successful but also made me realize I can tackle this career path and still have a personal life. Dr. Westra integrated clinical & personal experiences into her lectures which helped me understand and relate to the topic. In a lecture of 250+ students I felt that Dr. Westra really tried to relate to each one of us
  - ♦ She is a fantastic, intelligent, and open professor who explains the material well and in a way that is interesting to the students.
  - ♦ She wanted us to succeed and learn, always available.

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#### Center for Science Teaching & Learning (1)

- Johanson, Jo'el**
- ♦ having many difficulties last semester she was there for me every time and always had a positive attitude which cheered me along the course

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#### Chemistry & Biochemistry (12)

- Altamirano, Alvin (2)**
- ♦ Dr. Altamirano answers my questions during office hours and has helped me explore career options
  - ♦ He is an amazing and challenging professor and he's passionate about what he does and I have found that it kind of inspires and motivates me to do well and learn more in his class.
- Browder, Cindy**  
**Civitello, Edgar Jr.**
- ♦ She has been incredibly helpful in explaining difficult material and making alternate resources available.
  - ♦ His passion for chemistry makes me want to continue to learn and explore my major so I can become passionate about it and love what I do.
- Coss, Clifford (2)**
- ♦ He is always willing to help me out with anything and although I have underused his resource he is still willing to go above and beyond for the students. Even making a session on Sundays to help everyone.
  - ♦ They have definitely helped me improve my academics and they take time to help me one-on-one to make sure I understand concepts and materials.
- Cruickshank, Brandon (4)**
- ♦ He has been one of the best professors I have had here
  - ♦ I now enjoy chemistry because of Dr. Cruickshank's clear and concise teaching style. He frequently makes himself available if students have questions, and clearly wants to help us succeed and learn.
  - ♦ I've always hated chemistry and almost changed my major because of it. After taking Cruickshank's class I truly enjoy chemistry and wouldn't want to do anything else!
  - ♦ Made me want to expand my knowledge in chemistry
- Lee, Edgar**  
**Myers, Therese**
- ♦ He really made me understand and enjoy chemistry
  - ♦ Made the classroom very enjoyable

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#### Civil Engineering, Construction Management, & Environmental Engineering (4)

- Heiderscheidt, Jeffery**  
**Hewes, Joshua**  
**Morgan, Robert**  
**Reiboldt, Alarick**
- ♦ Great teachers and are helpful and willing to talk and help out
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  - ♦ He taught professionalism and respect better than any other teacher I know.
  - ♦ Great teachers and are helpful and willing to talk and help out

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#### Electrical Engineering & Computer Science (4)

- Jacobs, Steven (2)**
- ♦ Both provide amazing feedback and stimulated my mind the most.
  - ♦ He was a very helpful professor, that only wanted the best for his students. He was always willing to give any sort of help when I asked for it.
- Middleton, Ryan**  
**Vadnerberg, Maggie**
- ♦ made difficult concepts easy to understand and related concepts to real world expectations and executions of the topics.
  - ♦ Helped with anything and everything related to school, classes, and career aspirations.

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#### Mathematics & Statistics (19)

- Abney, Patrick**  
**Blows, Terence (2)**
- ♦ Made it easier for me to approach my professors
  - ♦ Encouraged me to think in different ways and approach problems in different ways, as opposed to giving up.
  - ♦ Nellie has encouraged me to continue striving to become a great math instructor and a great math student. Terence has shown me not to fear upper division courses and that if I need help I should always try to get it.

- Christina, C
- They've both been such a positive influence on me and helping me grow and transition as a college student. Professor Martin has been my hon 190, 290 and now 390 instructor, and she's so great at what she does and helps me so much. for Christina, I've had her for mat 136 and 137, and she recommended me for my position as a math Jack. She's always there for me and supporting me.
- Daugherty, Robert (2)
- Been very insightful and willing to help me with his class as well as others. Also he's been there to help me with my concerns about the future in the program.
  - He was one of the best teachers I've ever had. Very thorough, clear, and made applied statistics my favorite class. He is very understanding and I got the feeling he genuinely loved teaching and wanted us to actually understand and learn as opposed to just "passina" the class because I could scrape up enough points
- Edgerton, Stephanie (2)
- great classroom environment and one of the most positive and approachable professors around.
  - support and guidance
- Ernst, Dana
- Helped define my career goals and find a internship
- Gopaul, Nellie
- Nellie has encouraged me to continue striving to become a great math instructor and a great math student. Terence has shown me not to fear upper division courses and that if I need help I should always try to aet it.
- Lantz, Benjamin
- is a really good teacher and has really helped me with calculus
- Lenhart, Tiffany
- Tiffany has really helped my understanding in Math, & is there to help. Tomantha has been a great advisor so far; she's helped me figure out my plan & has showed what I need to do in order to succeed.
- Lebovitz, Andrew (2)
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- Manny, Shanna
- Very good teacher./Very good teacher.
  - This instructor has made an extra effort in helping me to successfully complete my math courses. She is an understanding, and very good professor that teaches me in the way that I need, and helps all students learn in the best way that she can.
- Mitchell, David
- Very good teacher./Very good teacher.
- Shull, Andrew
- He makes math a bearable class/subject.
- St. Laurent, Roy
- Helped define my career goals and find a internship
- Vera, Salvador
- He has impacted my experience here at NAU because he was the first teacher I had here that helped me succeed and encouraged me to work hard and do well. I always look forward to his class, and was he was very easy to talk to, whether about my struggles in math or just small talk. He made calculus easy to understand and made my second semester here at NAU an interesting one.

### Mechanical Engineering (2)

- Mazumdar, Sagnik (2)
- He pushed to be a better engineer
  - Helped encourage to think about our careers and not just about getting through school.

### Physics and Astronomy (3)

- Cole, David
- PP CC SL
- The following comment includes the four individuals below:
- Dillingham, Thomas  
Eastwood, Kathy  
Kistler, John  
Klein, Lucas
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- Lejoly, Cassandra
- Made learning fun again

### School of Earth Science & Environmental Sustainability (5)

- Aslan, Clare
- Gave me a chance to work with her and has helped me get into other programs.
- Brugger-Schorr, Carrie
- She has been so supportive of my dreams and has been nothing but helpful when I needed it. She is incredible!
  - No additional comment



- Grimm, Kerry
- Joyal, Taylor
- No additional comment
- He was super helpful whenever I had questions, even when I was no longer in his class. He helped me to realize that I can explore my options while I'm here and he sparked an interest in learning for learning's sake (as well as Geology). I'm no longer an Earth Science major but his class is still very valuable to me.

#### School of Forestry (1)

- Miller, Cheryl
- Very helpful being a reference with jobs and is a good resource for any help

#### Other (1)

- Elder, Diana
- No additional comment

### COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES 11)

#### Health Sciences (8)

- Billowitz, Rachel (2)
- Allowed me to explore my career options and showed me the important impact public health has on society.
- She is very understanding and respectful of students differences in the class room. Students can tell she truly cares about them as people.
- Culbertson, Kristan
- No additional comment
- McCormick, Deborah
- encouragement, fabulous materials, enthusiasm
- Pedersen, Sonya (4)
- By making me excited about my future and always making class relatable.
- great teacher! has shown me a lot of jobs I can get with my major
- She gives me so much insight to future careers and really puts herself in the students shoes
- She has given me valuable insight and helped me explore different career paths and opportunities

#### School of Nursing (2)

- Haddon, Rosalinda (2)
- Made it clear that she cared about her students and supported my creative processes with unique opportunities and assignments.
- They have helped me understand how to have balance in my life, have helped me explore my future goals, and provided much needed support

#### Physical Therapy and Athletic Training (1)

- Edgerton, Glenn
- Great enthusiasm every class and passionate about his area of expertise. Very friendly and helpful

### COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (59)

#### Advising (1)

- Solomon, Mary
- She helped me pick my major and more

#### Anthropology (13)

- Antes, Scott
- He was both professional and expanded my horizons. [Additional comment has been provided directly to engineering department]
- Burke, Chrissina (4)
- Been a wonderful advisor, instructor, and role model.
- Dr. Burke is an outstanding professor that constantly strives to adjust her teaching methods in order to better reach all of her students individual needs.
- Inspired me to add a second major and pointed me in the direction I want to take my career.
- She made me really enjoy my classes with her as well as challenging me to work harder
- She provided me with an opportunity for hands on research.
- Moses, Sharon (2)
- Fantastic professor who truly loves what she does, field school was fantastic, she really helped me decide on an anthropology minor
- She has encouraged and supported me academically, and had faith in me when I didn't have faith in myself
- Shepardson, Britton (3)
- No additional comment
- Provided me with the opportunities to pursue my major.
- This professor has provided me with many opportunities to be involved with others and to learn about my own history and the southern states history. When I was in his class I always looked forward to it and never dreaded aoina.
- Smiley, Francis IV
- This courses have just been truly broadened my understanding and appreciation for our world & society. Her courses always outline the exact expectations of the students and always allow me to balance school, work and life knowing the expectations and challenges.
- Thibodeau, Anthony
- Friendly and helpful

#### Criminology & Criminal Justice (8)

- Alvarez, Alexander
- No additional comment
- Costelloe, Michael
- He made CCI interesting and made it clear to me that I chose the right class and future career for me.
- de Heer, Brooke (2)
- No additional comment
- She has helped my transition from high school to college and has helped me to thrive and understand more than just the class content. She is always available to talk to students and offers advice that is really worth something.
- Lubick, Nancy
- Helped me and didn't force her political ideology on me unlike every other professor
- Maniglia, Rebecca
- Allows students to think critically and apply their knowledge in class
- Maring, Colleen
- She is open for advising, she is enthusiastic and makes her classes interesting, and she encourages getting involved.
- Zickerman, Adam
- He showed what it is like in the real world when going into certain careers

#### Ethnic Studies (5)

- Gooding, Frederick Jr. (3)
- he opens my mind and inquiries me to learn more about my roots and that questioning things is necessary
- Pick a minor in ethnic studies and stay at nau
- Powerful discussions in lecture
- Montoya, Mark (2)
- He has showed me that I deserve to be here and that he will always support his students throughout their academic career. He's truly a great professor.
- He is an amazing professor and person and I enjoyed his involvement in my program (Olson Scholars) last year and his class ES 200. He is a great person.

#### Geography, Planning & Recreation (4)

- Hammersley, Charles (2)
- Provided me with a positive role model who always knows what he's doing and is always there for me if I need help or guidance. Also is a renaissance man and tells great stories.
- Very thorough and appreciates everyone's input without judgment
- Hawley, Rebecca
- Excellent teacher, mentor



Montoya, Judith

- ♦ Very thorough and appreciates everyone's input without judgment

### Master of Arts Sustainable Communities (1)

Timmerman, Nora

- ♦ She was incredible. She cared about her students and took the time to get to know us. She made class interesting and fun. We had class bonding and I felt a part of something and included.

### Politics & International Affairs (3)

Gee, Gretchen

- ♦ Dr. Gee is NAU's greatest asset. She guided me, followed through. Now I understand politics.

Hultgren, John (2)

- ♦ He's a really great teacher and keeps me engaged with a topic I thought I would find really dull. He is always amiable and makes sure that students always feel comfortable participating and succeeds in doing so. Overall A+ teacher
- ♦ Wrote me a recommendation for a very competitive program, provided a solid learning environment/engaging class, treats students like they are humans

### Psychological Sciences (10)

Anderson, Matt

- ♦ Helped me to understand what will be required of me as I continue with my schooling.

Barger, Steven

- ♦ Helped me to understand what will be required of me as I continue with my schooling.

Busath, Gregory

- ♦ He showed that he cared

Berry, Julia (2)

- ♦ Effective and upbeat instruction
- ♦ She has given me perspective on my major and what I can do with it.

Donohue, Dana

- ♦ I was terrified to take statistics but with her as my professor, I felt very comfortable and like I could easily succeed in her class. Her calming energy and supportive attitudes really helped me be a more successful student and person.

Daiss, Suzanne

- ♦ Great professor who is open and understanding of mental health and the importance of de-stressing and taking care of yourself in addition to your academics. This was inspiring to me and was different than all of my other professors.

Filsinger, Thomas

- ♦ His personality makes it easier to pay attention in class and makes me want to be engaged.

Whetten, Jason (2)

- ♦ He has made going through the classes for my major so worthwhile, and just a fantastic experience.
- ♦ I was not able to choose one as all of the above faculty members individually impacted my life. In particular, the faculty within the department of Physics and Astronomy are the best I have come by and I am so grateful for their involvement in my academic experience. I would love to go into depth into how each one individually impacted my experience, however this would be an entire essay. However, I will attempt to concisely explain each one. At the top of my list is Andrew Lebovitz, as I do not believe he gets enough recognition as he is a new teacher. Andrew Lebovitz is a gem to this school and not only is he very good at articulating mathematics at a deeper level rather than simply explaining formulaic methods that equip us with the tools necessary only to pass a test, but he is also one of the kindest teachers on this campus. Andrew Lebovitz wants his students to succeed and is extremely approachable if you are struggling. Beyond this, however, him along with a few other teachers were extremely helpful when I was in a time of need last semester, and had it not been for the help of him and a few other teachers, I would have had to go home take some time off. However, Andrew is not only willing to help you succeed academically but is willing to take the time out of his day to ensure that you succeed inside and outside of the classroom. Along with this, his approach to homework—a necessary part of mastering mathematics—was the best I have encountered thus far at this school. I was bummed to hear that he was forced to integrate WebWork into his classes this semester. In addition to Andrew, the professors who helped me immensely in a time of personal need and did not just make me feel like another student on their roster was Randy Dillingham, Kathy Eastwood, and Andreas Sommer. I would like to particularly note Andreas Sommer because he has the sincerest and kindest character I have encountered in many, many years and he went above and beyond to help me at a time that I was struggling. Both of my lab professors, Lucas Klein and John Kistler, have both been very great in their own ways. John Kistler was very helpful in bridging the gap between the physics curriculum and career opportunities outside of the classroom when he helped me get a job at Lowell Observatory. I appreciate Lucas Klein for always being approachable in lab in helping us understand physics—which should be the ultimate goal—while still keeping the professional line between helping us understand the nature of our majors and not providing us with answers. I really appreciate his approach to teaching lab in this manner because he has been really helpful in expanding my knowledge of physics beyond anything that the textbook could provide. Beyond this, the atmosphere he promotes during lab is very calming and he always tries to ease our stress by simple things such as beginning each class with a short current events story in the news—expanding our awareness from that beyond physics to current world events—or even just telling a funny story to promote a better working atmosphere. **Jason Whetten** is excellent at his job and knows exactly how to engage students in a way that makes them understand the content without oversimplifying the content. None of the teachers I put on this list were because I found their class easy—rather, they all effectively communicated hard concepts. Randy Dillingham is another one of the kindest and most helpful teachers I have had, inside and outside of the classroom. I have to say Andrew Lebovitz been the most impactful, however I am sure that many of the teachers on this list have equal capacity in making a positive impact on my life had I ever found it necessary to reach out to them more than I have, because I am confident that most, if not all, of the faculty on this list are equally as approachable. I hope each of the faculty mentioned above are getting their full recognition for their positive addition to Northern Arizona University. Had it not been for the teachers mentioned above, I would no longer be attending Northern Arizona University.

### School of Communication (9)

Carter, William

- ♦ Most engaging teacher I have had, he cares about the students, the class is entertaining and actually fun.

Horn, Amy (3)

- ♦ Has stimulated creativity and promoted personal responsibility.
- ♦ Has helped foster a love and passion for photography and pushed me to continue to learn
- ♦ She cares for each individual student and respects their talents and is always willing to help a student when they need it
- ♦ He has always been so helpful and hands on

Lancaster, Kurt

- ♦ Helped me to find motivation after going through hard times

Mehmedinovic, Harun

- ♦ Has stimulated creativity and promoted personal responsibility.

Minkler, Sam

- ♦ she is an excellent professor and I haven't really enjoyed any classes except hers

Nelson, Dorothy

- ♦ They gave me ideas and information on a possible career path

Tolan, Mary

### Sociology & Social Work (3)

Clem, Jamie

- ♦ An amazing professor that is extremely helpful

Everhart, Katherine

- ♦ She is one of the best teachers I've ever had. She relates to the students and helped me get through my freshman and sophomore years here at NAU.

Fritzler, Julie

- ♦ She helped me realize that Social Work was where I needed to be!

### Women's and Gender Studies (2)

Burford, Arianne

- ♦ Always happy to have people in their class, always available to discuss issues or just to talk, very welcoming

Heller, Meredith

- ♦ She has helped me realize that even if WGS classes aren't a part of my major, my opinion and view still matters and I should have the courage to actually say what I'm thinking since it's usually correct.

## THE W.A. FRANKE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (41)

### Advising (1)

Driessen-Knittle, Pia

- ♦ Helped me in choosing my degree path

### School of Hotel & Restaurant Management (10)

Costen, Wanda

- ♦ Each professor that I had had this far have provided great insight into what not like to be in this field. They are helpful are there for you when you need them. They share their personal experience, which makes me feel a lot better about the real world.

Hospodka, Lenka

- ♦ Each professor that I had had this far have provided great insight into what not like to be in this field. They are helpful are there for you when you need them. They share their personal experience, which makes me feel a lot better about the real world.

- King, Kathleen (2)
- ◆ Challenges me in a the classroom and outside of it, is there for any need I have, very supportive
  - ◆ Each professor that I had had this far have provided great insight into what not like to be in this field. They are helpful are there for you when you need them. They share their personal experience , which makes me feel a lot better about the real world.
- Lovich, Sharon  
Mann, Darwin (3)
- ◆ She has always been there whenever I had a question about my degree or any classes that I needed to take.
  - ◆ By teaching through life experiences and making me more knowledgeable of career opportunities, management styles, and personal goals
  - ◆ Each professor that I had had this far have provided great insight into what not like to be in this field. They are helpful are there for you when you need them. They share their personal experience , which makes me feel a lot better about the real world.
  - ◆ No additional comment
- Molinaro, Mark (2)
- ◆ Each professor that I had had this far have provided great insight into what not like to be in this field. They are helpful are there for you when you need them. They share their personal experience , which makes me feel a lot better about the real world.
  - ◆ Taught the best class I have ever taken which helped me decide where I want to take my career. Chef Mark is very relaxed and makes class fun and one you want to attend everyday!

### The W.A. Franke College of Business (30)

- Aguas, Kevin
- ◆ He has made learning the material easy and relatable to everyday life. I don't want to miss his class ever because it is the highlight of my day.
- Amer, Beverly  
Amer, T.S.  
Baca, Nancy
- ◆ You can tell she genuinely wants the students to succeed
  - ◆ Motivation and reassuring good students to do better and continue on
  - ◆ All of these teachers introduced me to economics/philosophy and made class so interesting, enjoyable and relatable. They were all great teachers who were there for me in and out of the classroom. I didn't know much about economics or philosophy before them and now because of them, I am an economics major and I plan on aoina into law.
- Campione, Wendy  
Criddle, Amy  
Foster, Dennis  
Gerety, Mason  
Hewes, Lisa  
Hickman, Rebecca (2)
- ◆ Shared real world experiences and made class interesting
  - ◆ She had faith in me and was just a great professor. Best the FCB has.
  - ◆ Always available for advice semesters after I had taken his classes.
  - ◆ Such a great teacher and really helped me out on my first semester back.
  - ◆ great instructor, encouraging, relatable
  - ◆ Great Teacher who has taught me much
  - ◆ She helped me realize how happy I am with my major and that I want to continue to pursue it
- Holcomb, Sarah  
Lewis, Bernadine  
Rousse, Wade (3)
- ◆ She was the best teacher I've had
  - ◆ Has gotten me connected to many resources
  - ◆ All have allowed me to expand my knowledge and given me a class to love
  - ◆ Helped introduce new ways of thinking about the world
  - ◆ make class enjoyable, relatable and easier to understand
- Stasley, Jennifer (5)
- ◆ All have allowed me to expand my knowledge and given me a class to love
  - ◆ Helped me in choosing my degree path
  - ◆ make class enjoyable, relatable and easier to understand
  - ◆ She taught me there is a lot more than what we think of a job.
  - ◆ She was a great teacher that took the time to individually get to know each student by name and was relatable. She made me enjoy the class so much I chanaed my major to accounting
  - ◆ He's just great
- Thomas, Paul  
Voltz, Gunnar  
Weber, David (5)
- ◆ Genuinely cares about his students, takes the time to say good morning everyday and his class is a pleasure to be in.
  - ◆ Always willing to spend time helping people with problems
  - ◆ He is always positive, never a dull moment in class. He is also very supportive and makes time for his students
  - ◆ He is one of the very few professors that actually made me want to come to class.
  - ◆ positive, knowledgeable professor. Makes your day better and would take every class with him if I could.
  - ◆ Very friendly and approachable
- Yordy, Eric  
Zhao, Xiaobing
- ◆ Great Professor to welcome me to NAU. Awesome Class. Referred me to the Business Leadership Program, I got in.
  - ◆ All of these teachers introduced me to economics/philosophy and made class so interesting, enjoyable and relatable. They were all great teachers who were there for me in and out of the classroom. I didn't know much about economics or philosophy before them and now because of them, I am an economics major and I plan on going into law because of how Dr. Piering encouraged me and made me so interested in philosophy

### OTHER AREAS (47)

#### Academic Transition Programs (1)

- Bowen, Shawna
- ◆ She has made me feel confident about my choices and aided me in knowing my options and that I should not worry too much

#### Center for International Education (1)

- Currey, Nancy
- ◆ I knew her from the start of my semester. And she has helped me with my academic, extracurricular activities and getting used to this big change in my life. And j also think she's a wonderful person to be with :)

#### Civic Service Institute (2)

- Lenze, Paul (2)
- ◆ excellent professor, advisor for my RLC last semester
  - ◆ Introduced various topics for further independent or class inquiry

#### Dining Services (1)

- Mandy
- ◆ always been in a great mood and been very helpful

#### Disability Resources (1)

- Pollack, Dorianne
- ◆ She is my student success coach and she is always teaching me new things

#### Extended Campuses (7)

- Capaldo, Stephanie
- ◆ Dr. Capaldo helped me dig deep and think about topics in many different ways. She was always super helpful and there to clarify any questions or uncertainties I was having. She definitely made class fun and I was excited to attend and eager to learn.
- Gaither, Marlene  
Macconnell, Jacquelyn  
Mendez, Barbara  
Miles, Suzanne  
Myers, Kurt
- ◆ Makes class very interesting and I learned the most from her out of all of my undergraduate classes!
  - ◆ Being respectful and providing a fun, positive classroom environment.
  - ◆ Great Advising and clear path of my goals.
  - ◆ Great teaching skills and made class enjoyable to go to.
  - ◆ By far, the best professor I have ever had. Takes the time to ask how students are doing, he believes in us, and genuinely cares about our success and what we learn in class.

Tortorici, Patrick ♦ *Just amazing instructor; very helpful and available for questions. Loved his teaching style allows students to think outside the box.*

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#### Family Violence Institute (1)

Rhodes, Melissa ♦ *She helped me realize that I truly wanted to pursue a degree in Social Work.*

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#### First-Generation Programs (1)

Wong, Keola ♦ *Helped understand scholarship opportunities, clarify classes to take, and help discuss career goal, helped encourage campus involvement / work*

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#### Gateway Student Success Center (5)

Cox, Precilla ♦ *helping with advising and my plan for my bachelor degree*  
Friedmann, Sarah ♦ *She went out of her way to help me be able to graduate early and was always available whenever I had problems with selecting classes.*  
Roegner, Megan ♦ *Has been beyond helpful with many things during my first two semesters here at NAU.*  
Wilson, Kate (2) ♦ *Helped me understand about my major and required classes, gave me many resources and references, offered me a position in which I could also help others enroll and better understand classes and student requirements. She has been one of the biggest helps for me, especially my first three semesters at NAU!*  
♦ *Made classroom environment a comfortable and open space*

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#### Honors Program (9)

Cordeiro, William ♦ *His Transgender Studies class is very interactive and has opened my eyes to current real life issues in our society. His class is both challenging, yet very rewarding and makes me want to learn more.*  
Dakan, Cassandra ♦ *My first semester, she truly helped me be able to fit in and encouraged my education. I always knew that if I needed anything, I could talk to her and she would be willing to help me.*  
Davalos, Emily ♦ *Encouraging me to keep an open mind and pursue my interests*  
Ellison, Season ♦ *She always encourages students to broaden their minds and share their opinions and experiences in class. She is encouraging, respectful, and enthusiastic.*  
Martin, Robyn (3) ♦ *She helped me with my writing skills and made me a better writer*  
♦ *She was such a pleasure to be taught by and she encouraged me to take part in multiple opportunities I wasn't initially considering.*  
♦ *They've both been such a positive influence on me and helping me grow and transition as a college student. Professor Martin has been my hon 190, 290 and now 390 instructor, and she's so great at what she does and helps me so much. for Christina, I've had her for mat 136 and 137, and she recommended me for my position as a math Jack. She's always there for me and supporting me.*  
Martinez, Ted ♦ *Through both ENV 101 and HON 291 he has challenged me to think differently about humanity's place in the world and the responsibility we have to care for it.*  
Sheridan, Kathryn ♦ *Always been there for me to go to and made me feel important*

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#### Inclusion and Multicultural Services (2)

Soto, Dulce (2) ♦ *Opened my eyes to more diverse topics, helped me feel supported, helped me find community*  
♦ *Very Strong*

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#### Native American Student Services (1)

Chief, Simon ♦ *Generally very helpful*

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#### NAU-Yuma (2)

Fitts, Daniel ♦ *Gave me a job.*  
Whisler, Ruth ♦ *No additional comment*

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#### Personalized Learning (4)

Greer, Rodney ♦ *He has been very encouraging and responsive to my needs and concerns. I don't think I could have asked for a better mentor. He is 100% on top of his game and excellent at his job. He truly is the best NAU has to offer as far as faculty members go. I have nothing but amazing things to say about him. he has made my NAU experience worth while for sure.*  
Smith, Michael (2) ♦ *Always been available, answered my questions, has been helpful in every way*  
♦ *Very proactive to assist me with any and all concerns*  
Veal, Lisa ♦ *Been my mentor*

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#### Housing & Residence Life (3)

French, Nicole ♦ *Though my ups and downs she has supported me and always made sure I am okay.*  
Hall, Danielle ♦ *Always gave me opportunities to further engage myself in Residence Hall Association as well as McConnell Hall Association. She always gave me the chances to lead and really fostered development of the whole group. She has always been so kind and supportive and is just such a wonderful person.*  
Minter, Toni ♦ *She encouraged me to branch out and explore new ideas. She always made me laugh and feel like I made the right choice in NAU.*

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#### Student Affairs (1)

Payne, Cindy ♦ *I describe her as my "second mom in my new home of Flagstaff." Best person I have met at NAU for countless reasons.*

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#### Supplemental Instruction (1)

McGuire, Pernell ♦ *Great examples*

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#### University College (3)

Logan, Rosemary ♦ *All have allowed me to expand my knowledge and given me a class to love*  
Schneider, Gregg ♦ *Very good at listening, understanding and helping me achieve my own personal and academic goals. Remembered me and other classmates and helped me with the nursing application process as well as studying, and was excited for me and my classmate when we received our test scores and acceptance letters from the nursing program. Is very personable and approachable and takes his job to heart and has a love for teaching and advising.*  
vanderVeer, Karen ♦ *Both professors have made me feel connected to the university. Both are incredibly kind, knowledgeable, and caring individuals.*

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#### Other (1)

Button, Kristine ♦ *She has been awesome in getting me in the school. She has been there in every aspect for me to get my degree.*