

FACULTY/STAFF COMMENTS REPORT 2017 Sophomore Survey

“He makes learning in and out of the classroom so much more enjoyable. It's obvious he cares about his students and helping them learn as much as possible more than anything else. The way he instructs is so hilarious even people who never go to class want to be there. I have learned more in his classes than any other in my life because of how interactive he is. I even switched my concentration to his field because he led me to be so passionate about it.”

“Being a challenging professor but also continuing to push me to be a better student and person.”

“Helping me realize my potential by acting as the most challenging, helpful, and rewarding professor I've had to date.”

“Her advice and encouragement throughout this semester have been extremely helpful in getting through my probationary period. Her genuine interest in my story and success gave me the hope and motivation that I needed to get my grades back up.”

“She has been the most encouraging, understanding, and supportive instructor I have had at NAU. I have built my schedule specifically to have her a second semester.”

“All three of them have provided me with unconditional support, and have made their doors open to me at any given time, regardless of what they have going on. I would likely not have kept up with my current academic excellence without their advice and support.”

“Encouraged me to think outside of the typical academic box to broaden my own understand of emotion/psychology related topics. Inspired me to continue with my studies in psychology with more excitement and curiosity than I had prior to this semester.”

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2017 SOPHOMORE SURVEY
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SUMMARY

The Office of Institutional Research and Analysis 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 551 students that participated in the 2017 Sophomore Survey, 270 students (49%) 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.

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Navarro, Shirley (6)	The W.A. Franke College of Business
Whetten, Jason (5)	Psychological Sciences
Sthultz, Christopher (4)	Biological Sciences
Timmerman, Nora (4)	Sustainable Communities

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

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

FACULTY/STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 2004-2009, 2011-2017

Brandon Cruickshank

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

2017 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 (60)

Comparative Cultural Studies (5)

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| Church, David | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>This is the first liberal studies class I have taken where the professor is actually knowledgeable and passionate. He isn't condescending and creates a room where the discussion is actually open and judgement free. I have taken a few courses here, and this is the first non STEM class that feels the way college is supposed to.</i> |
| Gervasio, Danielle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>No additional comment</i> |
| Kohn, Tara | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>She encourages students to do their best no matter what their academic backgrounds and overall she is the best professor I have had so far at NAU.</i> |
| Pschaida, Daniel (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>No additional comment</i> ◆ <i>They both are a good teacher that showed me he's always willing to help.</i> |

English (17)

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| Ashley, Lisa (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Been there for me educationally as well as supported me when times were tough in the past year.</i> ◆ <i>She beams with sunshine, honesty, and helpfulness</i> |
| Crawford, William | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>He is very passionate about teaching and grammar and all things linguistics, because of him and his teaching style, I now know what I'm really interested in.</i> |
| Daley, Julia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Best teacher I've had.</i> |
| Farness, Jay (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>An amazing teacher which breaks down the text effectively and efficiently. In addition, cares for his students and provides multiple opportunities to succeed.</i> ◆ <i>He is always encouraging and is the best teacher I've had the entire time I've been at NAU so far.</i> ◆ <i>Great Eng105 professor.</i> |
| Koch, Rachel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Helped me realize my potential, helped me decide my major, helped me see what opportunities were possible with my degree and skillset</i> |
| Lane, Barbara | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>He has positively impacted my life by making me become a better writer.</i> |
| Lenhart, Lawrence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Helped me improve my writing and I just had a positive experience with her class.</i> |
| Murison, Stacy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Inspiration of own culture</i> |
| Nez, Inez | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>accepting, available, helpful, learned a lot of useful information</i> |
| O'Connor, Kama (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Enhanced my understanding and outlook of writing as well as life lessons.</i> ◆ <i>Thoroughness, quality of textual content, helpful criticism on papers</i> |
| Reisman, Mara | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>She has been a big support to learning how to write effectively in my essays. She has also helped me to learn more about literature than any of my high school teachers. She accepts and values every response regardless of how small it is. She gets all of the students in my class to engage and discuss the material we are learning about.</i> |
| Scott, Anne | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Miss Meixiu is kind and caring, and has helped me understand ENG321 much better. Profe Sofia is the best Spanish teacher I have ever had.</i> |
| Zhang, Meixiu | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>By being a good instructor, providing feedback for writing, and using conversations to make her more relatable.</i> |
| Jones, Erica | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>By being a good instructor, providing feedback for writing, and using conversations to make her more relatable.</i> |

Global Languages and Cultures (11)

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| Akiyama, Reiko | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>She is very kind and explains things well, very willing to help</i> |
| Colimenaes, Jersus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Very understanding and kind, great instructor</i> |
| Masseletti, Kevin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Strongly embraces cultural differences and creates a safe and exciting learning environment</i> |
| Morales, Celeste (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>She has enhanced my growth outside of the realm of academics.</i> ◆ <i>Very encouraging, understanding and sweet!</i> |
| Rulon, Michael | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Taught me to take initiative in my work.</i> |
| Schwartz, Katie | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>understanding and patient</i> |
| Vera Uzcategui, Barbara | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>she made me excited about the language and culture and class</i> |
| Wolhein, Sofia (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Miss Meixiu is kind and caring, and has helped me understand ENG321 much better. Profe Sofia is the best Spanish teacher I have ever had.</i> ◆ <i>She has been supportive in both academic and personal ways. She is always there for any questions or concerns one has and tries to help in anyway that she can. She encourages to keep studying and furthering one's knowledge. She gives academic advisement as well.</i> |
| Wu, Di | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>No additional comment</i> |

History (6)

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| Amundson, Michael | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>He taught me how to write</i> |
| Carlson, Christi | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>She has helped me sort out all of my classes and any questions I have about my major. She puts things into perspective and she truly cares about my academic progress</i> |
| Martel, Heather | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Great professor- relates teachings to today and overcomes obstacles- made the classroom a brave safe space for discussion</i> |
| Porter, Camarin (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>She's taught me a lot and is very knowledgeable.</i> ◆ <i>She give positive feedback</i> |
| Wood, Linda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>She is a highly-attentive, extremely caring advisor and professor.</i> |

Philosophy (6)

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| Joiner, James | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>The best professor that I have studied under.</i> |
| Maring, Luke (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>He has helped me become a more independent learner and broadened my areas of thinking</i> ◆ <i>Just a fantastic teacher. Who respects everybody's opinions, and promotes great discussions.</i> |
| Pryba, Russell | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Best and smartest professor I have ever had</i> |
| Sherry, David | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Provided an in-depth understanding of the bases of philosophy, as well as a great assignment structure. In-class discussions are always beneficial, and provide deeper insight into the idea at hand.</i> |
| Vance, Jonathan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Has allowed for the best medium of discussion on topics that require deep thinking.</i> |

School of Art (9)

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| Baumann, Judith (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Best instructor I have had at NAU, she was always available to students for help and greatly appreciates diversity and individuality. Judy always gives fair critiques and grades to your individual ability and style, with helpful suggestions to help students perform to their best ability.</i> ◆ <i>Self expression</i> |
| Harvey, Wesley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Great teacher, very friendly, makes me excited to attend class</i> |
| Jelsing, Nicole (2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>great professor, makes art fun</i> ◆ <i>She actively encourages students to explore their options through art and life. She is very supportive and understanding to real world situations.</i> |
| Maier, Sara | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Sara is the kindest, most helpful member of the ID staff. She also has high expectations which she uses to challenge us.</i> |
| RyanGartin, Barbara | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Career guidance</i> |
| Stephens, Pamela | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Being a wonderful professor and always available to help and push anyone to strive forward</i> |
| Taylor, Christopher | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>He has taught me about the real life art world post graduation and has helped me expand my creative abilities.</i> |

School of Music (4)

Russell, Jennifer (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Dr. Russell goes ABOVE and BEYOND in every sense of the word. She spends so much time helping students outside of class, and is always coming up with new ways to explain concepts. She values her students as individuals and helps us apply what we are learning into the real world.♦ She is always there to talk and is really supportive. An amazing professor.
Stamer, Linda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ She is the reason why I don't doubt myself. I look forward to teaching now because of her.
Vining, David	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Private Lessons help me be a better trombone player and interpret music better.

Theatre Department (2)

Lofstrand, Darby	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Pushing me to be the best I can be an giving tough love and help along the way.
Peterson, Jennifer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ They have helped me developed my own style in my field as well as provided guidance and help however possible, both in and outside of class

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (15)

Educational Leadership (3)

Gooding, Fredrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Opening my mind to new ideas
Wood, Gerald (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ teaching me to think critically about my field, getting me involved outside of academics, helping me develop leaderships skills♦ No additional comment

Educational Psychology (1)

Abercrombie, Sara	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ No additional comment
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Educational Specialties (3)

Brady, April (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ She has made learning new things enjoyable and relatable to my own life and goals♦ She's the first professor that didn't just value what she was teaching, she valued actually teaching. She cares about her students and teaching us everything we need to know to be successful in our future careers.
Hampton, Nicole	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Professor Hampton keeps in constant contact with her students and wants to see us succeed in our work. She is the most engaged instructor I have had in my college career.

Teaching and Learning (8)

Boloz, Sigmund (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Always being available to answer questions and being a wonderful mentor to help me feel more confident about the career I want to pursue.♦ He has made me feel comfortable with my choice in becoming a teacher♦ He is inspiring and is the best professor I have ever had.
Novelli, Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ She has been the best professor I've had at NAU so far for many reasons. I have learned and grown so much because of her.
Powell, Pamela	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ She remembered me from orientation and is always nice to me and has introduced me to the Dean of the College of Education and has invited me to participate in events and research opportunities.
Szymanski, Cecilia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ No additional comment
Taylor, Elizabeth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Understanding and committed teacher
Thomas, Shawn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ No additional comment

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, FORESTRY, & NATURAL SCIENCES (54)

Advising (2)

Ridlen, Rachel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Rachel helped me decide what major to pursue and is always helpful.
Wells, Jacob	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Coming from my crappy exercise science advisor Jacob helped me figure out my classes, and gave me information about research. Much happier with him as my advisor than Brenna

Biological Sciences (17)

Araya-Anchetta, Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ They encouraged me to get a job at Pathogens and Microbiome Institute and continues to support me :)
Cobb, Neil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Neil and his graduate student Lindsey have helped me feel comfortable switching majors from geology to biology and have also helped with providing me with research opportunities and engagement/possible employment i hope
DelVecchio, Teresa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ She made me feel like I could really achieve my goals
Lee, Michelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Being a helpful resource when needed to be such as going over exams, papers and assignments
Meilander, Jeffrey (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ He was really helpful whenever I was confused and inspired a passion for anatomy♦ Jeff has been the only teacher here at NAU that genuinely cares about his students and their success. No, I'm not nominating him because he is an "easy way out" teacher. He failed me the first time taking his biology lab the first time and him failing is something I am so thankful for. With him failing me, I have learned so much more this semester with him and I have learned so much. Jeff is one of the few teachers left that care about his students well being and success. He recognizes when his students are struggle far more than just with the material but in life. He always made me feel like I was a person not just a student. I've been going through a lot of mental health issues and he is the first person to ever ask a simple question.. "are you okay?". He's assured me when I've sat in his office crying and always took a little extra time to explain to me concepts in a way that makes sense to me. Jeff has the kindest heart and I am so thankful he failed me once because he has given me so much more to learn not only about biology but myself.
Rometo, Adonna (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Made me feel smart♦ Very positive and encouraging professional. She makes an effort to get to know her students♦ No additional comment
Shuster, Stephen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ He is the only one that gave me opportunities to help my career and education
Shultz, Christopher (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ He is always so upbeat, makes me want to learn the material opposed to my last bio professor and is always there and always willing to adapt to your needs♦ He makes learning in and out of the classroom so much more enjoyable. It's obvious he cares about his students and helping them learn as much as possible more than anything else. The way he instructs is so hilarious even people who never go to class want to be there. I have learned more in his classes than any other in my life because of how interactive he is. I even switched my concentration to his field because he led me to be so passionate about it.♦ The passion they have towards their fields is very radiant and they are very understanding♦ great teacher
Westra, Christine (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Genuinely cares about each and every student's understanding of the material and promotes successful learning.♦ She is the best professor I've ever had and she explains material very well. Makes difficult material fun to learn.♦ The way in which Dr. Westra integrates technology in class lectures is very helpful. Dr. Westra's lectures are interactive and informative.

Chemistry and Biochemistry (8)

Coss, Clifford (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ No additional comment♦ An excellent professor and is inspiring
Cruikshank, Brandon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Truly incredible teacher, was able to make me engage and excel in chemistry which is something that i usually both hate and have a hard time with
Lee, Michael	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Introduced me to research and has advised me.
Myers, Therese (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Wonderful teacher♦ No additional comment
Name not listed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Amazing t.a. that takes her time explaining concepts
Parra, Jose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ He has been a very helpful TA and made me want to be one

Civil Engineering, Construction Management, & Environmental Engineering (5)

- Decker, Rand
 - Francis, Alan
 - Heiderscheidt, Jeffrey
 - Ozis, Fethiye (2)
- ♦ Encouraged me to participate in the undergrad research symposium
 - ♦ He has open my eyes to an entire new kind of culture
 - ♦ Extremely knowledgeable and a great mentor. Made my college experience greatly improve
 - ♦ She has been very sweet whenever I asked her a question and is a positive person to talk to about concerns
 - ♦ She made me interested in major and has been a positive caring instructor.

Mathematics and Statistics (12)

- Christina, C (2)
 - Deville, David (2)
 - Ernst, Dana
 - France-Nkansha, Faustina
 - Louchart, Catherine
 - Rangel, Amy
 - Rushall, Jeff
 - Steckler, Zachary
 - Vera, Salvador
 - Williams, Ian
- ♦ Excellent teacher, very helpful and knowledgeable. I have never understood math better!!
 - ♦ She is amazing and always answers my questions and relates everything with math to my major
 - ♦ They both are a good teacher that showed me he's always willing to help.
 - ♦ Was a great Calc. teacher for three semesters
 - ♦ Being a challenging professor but also continuing to push me to be a better student and person
 - ♦ She was very perceptive as to what the class was understanding and constantly made it known that she will repeat anything that is confusing and try to explain in a different way for those who didn't get it the first time. Every other teacher for the most part just rushes through and spews information.
 - ♦ more comfortable going to office hours
 - ♦ Made the first semester an easy to transition.
 - ♦ Made class fun and enjoyable. Was always nice and approachable outside of class.
 - ♦ Kept class engaging and interesting. Made sure I understood concepts and ideas in class. First mathematics teacher I have had that made me enjoy math.
 - ♦ Wants all of his students to understand the material he teaches and his class is a highlight of my week.
 - ♦ Eased my tensions about hard math classes, teaches in a way that I understand

Mechanical Engineering (1)

- Pete, Carson
- ♦ He manages to teach engineering in a way that's enjoyable.

School of Earth Science & Environmental Sustainability (3)

- Sample, James
 - Sisk, Tom
 - Skinner, Lisa
- ♦ One of my favorite classes was his Oceanography class and how he treated his students with respect and understanding really reassured me that professors are there to help you succeed.
 - ♦ Not only showing immense interest and excitement in his work and research, he actively encourages students to explore their environment and connect relations of the world around them to their own experiences. He never hesitates to answer a question and often will give a lengthy answer which turns into a further discussion exploring nearby topics as well. Tom has influenced my perspective on not only ecology but also on land management and research topics in my major. He is an extremely friendly professor that clearly shows his dedication and love for his work.
 - ♦ No additional comment

School of Forestry (4)

- Lee, Martha
 - Hospodarsky, Denver
 - Miller, Cheryl
 - Moore, Margaret
- ♦ Dr. Lee has encouraged me to improve myself both academically and socially through clubs. She is always there for her students and even enjoys teaching by exploring conversation of different people and backgrounds of the Forestry department. I am very grateful for her and Dr. Denver Hospodarsky for being a part of my success at NAU.
 - ♦ Dr. Lee has encouraged me to improve myself both academically and socially through clubs. She is always there for her students and even enjoys teaching by exploring conversation of different people and backgrounds of the Forestry department. I am very grateful for her and Dr. Denver Hospodarsky for being a part of my success at NAU.
 - ♦ Personal, academic, and career support
 - ♦ Awesome lady

School of Informatics, Computing, and Cyber Systems (2)

- Heynssens, Julie
 - Jacobs, Steven
- ♦ She's really nice, actually cares about her students, and knows how to teach for understanding.
 - ♦ Always wants us to contribute in class. Very cheery.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (10)

Advising (1)

- Glade, Juli
- ♦ very helpful and positive to each individual student -- she is genuine

Health Sciences (6)

- Billowitz, Rachel
 - Pederson, Sonya
 - Prather, Courtney
 - Zesiger, Kortney
 - Sutcliffe, Jay (2)
- ♦ Her passion, commitment, and respect for public and sexual health as well as for her students make her classes enjoyable and more beneficial
 - ♦ She is very personable and is willing to be vulnerable about her own experiences in order to make the class feel safe and comfortable. She is AMAZING. If I could take the rest of my courses with her I would. I have never felt so cared for as a student until I enrolled in one of her classes. If I could give her an award for best professor I absolutely would.
 - ♦ Dr. Prather allows us to share openly in class and listens and understands us so well. She has created a classroom where everyone feels comfortable and friendships are built off of trust and depth.
 - ♦ By cheering me up and helping me realize what I want my major to be
 - ♦ Helped me succeed
 - ♦ No additional comment

School of Nursing (3)

- Rivas, Dawn (2)
 - Haddon, Rosalinda
- ♦ extremely helpful and available, focused on making sure her students succeed
 - ♦ She has really helped me learn and transition into nursing and shares a lot of information
 - ♦ Personally mentoring me, giving me extremely helpful advice about my life outside of the classroom.

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (63)

Advising (1)

- Solomon, Mary
- ♦ Extremely helpful, helped explore and figure out how to make different options work

Anthropology (5)

- Burke, Chrissina (2)
 - Morton, Shawn
 - Smiley, Susan
 - Vasquez, Michael
- ♦ made me more aware of the world around me and what I can do with my major
 - ♦ She's been really engaging in my major classes and helped me make several decisions about my academic path and career goals
 - ♦ No additional comment
 - ♦ Love taking these classes that it made me decide my minor and if I lived in the Flagstaff area I would make Anthropology my major. They both love what they do and it shows, their classes are organized and easy to follow as well as you get so much information from them.
 - ♦ He's the only person who has been remotely helpful

Applied Indigenous Studies (1)

- Ishii, Lomaayumtewa
- ♦ Upstanding human, with immense kindness and wisdom

Criminology and Criminal Justice (4)

- Cruz, Kenneth
- ♦ Expanded my knowledge in criminology, after taking his class I had a new viewpoint on the justice system

- deHeer, Brooke
- ♦ Been a positive influence
- Zickerman, Adam (2)
- ♦ Amazing teacher and actually teaches well and treats everyone fairly.
 - ♦ He has real experience and it is inspiring to hear him talk about what he does on a daily basis.

Ethnic Studies (3)

- Garcia, Jerry
- ♦ If it weren't for Dr. Garcia I wouldn't be as passionate about Chican@/Latin@ studies as I am today!
- Purdy, Daisy
- ♦ She has been welcoming and kind to me, encouraging me and informing me of opportunities to get involved and introduced me to others.
- Quizar, Jessi
- ♦ By helping me to understand the concepts of her classes in an interconnected and deep way. She facilitates her class in a way that really inhibits growth.

Geography, Planning and Recreation (2)

- Barnes, Jessica
- ♦ Fun, respectful environment
- Wheeler, Margo
- ♦ No additional comment

Politics and International Affairs (3)

- Gee, Gretchen (3)
- ♦ Best professor in the department by far
 - ♦ Helping me realize my potential by acting as the most challenging, helpful, and rewarding professor I've had to date.
 - ♦ Most helpful and thorough professor I've had

Psychological Sciences (14)

- Anderson, Matt
- ♦ They have supported me and provided me with the proper resources to succeed.
- Birkett, Melissa
- ♦ Flexible with questions and clarifications, encouraging, present
- Demir, Meliksah
- ♦ Dr. Demir is so passionate about his work and his teaching and it really shows. I thoroughly enjoyed all of his lectures and it was the one class I made sure to never miss. He is an amazing professor and has really made me more interested in my psychology major.
- Donohue, Dana
- ♦ Made statistics understandable
- Filsinger, Thomas (2)
- ♦ made me excited for class
 - ♦ Very interesting class, loved him as a professor, decided to minor in that field
- Goodman, Robert
- ♦ Flexible with questions and clarifications, encouraging, present
- Huffman, Ann
- ♦ Flexible with questions and clarifications, encouraging, present
- Stevens, Larry
- ♦ Every possible way
- Whetten, Jason (5)
- ♦ Great professor. PSY 101 was a requirement for me but he made the class super interesting and improved my college experience. He was very easy to reach during office hours or email.
 - ♦ He encourages learning and is passionate about what he teaches. He has taught me how to study and learn and I have never had a better teacher since I have been in school. He is incredible.
 - ♦ He has always been available to speak to and to give advice when needed.
 - ♦ He has made the class environment and learning in general far more interesting, engaging and fun than any professor I've had. He teaches material effectively, is always friendly, and makes me feel comfortable and excited about learning in class. Thanks to his fun, engaging and interactive teaching methods, I feel more confident in myself to succeed.
 - ♦ They have both been very helpful, encouraging, and memorable teachers at my time at NAU. Both have positively effected the way I learn and what my interests are in school - Photography and Psychology.

School of Communication (13)

- Carter, William (2)
- ♦ Exploring career and major. Integrates real life into the classroom.
 - ♦ He has always been very encouraging of wild ideas and has maintained interest in my educational choices beyond my time in his class which really makes me feel like I have someone looking out for me.
- DeAztlansmith, Toni
- ♦ She is a wonderful teacher; she is incredibly well-informed about the ins-and-outs of journalism as a serious career option, and I learned so much from her in such a short semester.
- Hitt, Amy (2)
- ♦ She has inspired me to add another emphasis to my degree and her classes are fun is easy to learn with her teaching.
 - ♦ Very understanding and nice teacher; helped me when I became overwhelmed
- Horn, Amy (3)
- ♦ She's such a sweet person and has taught me nearly everything I know about photography. I feel very comfortable around her and she has a wealth of knowledge in the field of photography. I owe much of my success in photography to her, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to have had her as my professor.
 - ♦ They have both been very helpful, encouraging, and memorable teachers at my time at NAU. Both have positively effected the way I learn and what my interests are in school - Photography and Psychology.
 - ♦ No additional comment
- Krueger, Ben
- ♦ Encouraged me and helped me when I was struggling. He also encouraged me to share my ideas in class
- O'Connell, Eric
- ♦ Created a real connection with me as a student and a person
- Pickett, Victoria
- ♦ An amazing professor in the visual communication field. Really clear, helpful, informative lectures. Gives great constructive feedback on work. Always available to students. Emphasizes that it's okay to fail as a student. Provides multiple resources.
- Tso, Rachel (2)
- ♦ Great teacher, creates a great classroom environment and promotes healthy and intellectual discussions among students.
 - ♦ She made me realize what I wanted to do with my life. This class was inclusive and I felt like I could participate for the first time. I was excited to go to class and I learned more than I have in most of my other classes!

Sociology and Social Work (4)

- Damskey, Mary
- ♦ Mary Damskey is a genuine person, who is happy to hear her students ambitions and accomplishments. I spoke with her during office hours about the plans for my future and internship opportunities. Mary was helpful, encouraging, and a great listener. I walked out of her office feeling certain about my social work major.
- Fritzler, Julie
- ♦ No additional comment
- Horn, Daniel
- ♦ Only teacher to take time out and show me around an online class and work with me on everything in between classes and busy schedule.
- Lucas, Warren
- ♦ Real life connections and passionate about his teachings

Sustainable Communities (6)

- Caulkins, Michael
- ♦ No additional comment
- Curtis, Kim
- ♦ Her teaching style helped students to grow and learn, and provided connections within the classroom community.
- Timmerman, Nora (4)
- ♦ Her class was very welcoming and inviting. She taught the content in an easy to understand way that was interesting and fun. She also made the class fun and gave the students in the class the opportunities to become friends which was really helpful starting college.
 - ♦ She has been an awesome professor. She made me think critically about issues in education as well as helped me improve my writing and reading skills. She shows support inside and outside the classroom as a professor and great human being.
 - ♦ She is a very understand and supportive individual. Truly an inspiration to me!
 - ♦ She was the only professor I had that really cared about her students as people and not just as her job. She was always very positive and created a very positive learning environment.

Women's and Gender Studies (7)

- Burford, Ari (3)
- ♦ Dr. Ari has provided a safe space on campus and has acted as a supporting mentor as I continue my studies and become more articulate about my multiple identities; furthermore, they have introduced me to theories, scholars, and writers I would not have been aware of before which has shaped my creative development. Without Dr. Ari, I would be less likely to have the confidence to seek out Trans positive healthcare options on campus or to think critically about my place as a queer student.

Heller, Meredith (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Dr. Ari really opened my eyes to things that were taken place in the world. They are so passionate and I absolutely loved being in their class. It was a privilege. The things they taught will stay with me, always. ♦ They helped me with some personal struggles and has taught me so much about the world that I otherwise would not have known. ♦ Opened my eyes to MANY injustices faced by underrepresented populations ♦ She pushed me to work hard and think differently, while making class feel safe and challenging ♦ No additional comment
Upadhyay, Nishant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Nishant has led the most engaging, interesting, insightful course that I have taken at NAU. Not only did they create a safe space in the classroom for productive discussion, but the lectures were very informative and thought-provoking.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES (18)

Academic Transition Programs (3)

Canning, Anna Gardner, Michelle Manone, Emily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Opened discussion for all different views, made a point to get to know every student outside of class, make you feel significant ♦ No additional comment ♦ Her advice and encouragement throughout this semester have been extremely helpful in getting through my probationary period. Her genuine interest in my story and success gave me the hope and motivation that I needed to get my grades back up.
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First Year Seminar (4)

Ketchner, Kevin Logan, Rosemary Pfeffer, Mara (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ He was a very nice and fun teacher who obviously loves what he is doing ♦ She taught me life skills to use outside the classroom ♦ Made me think critically about the world, and coming up with plans of action to better the community and myself. ♦ Makes the classroom feel comfortable sharing with each other, challenges students to step outside their comfort zone and learn more about themselves. Mara genuinely cares about her students and is an amazing teacher with opening up students experiences and learning new material.
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First-Generation Programs (2)

Chase, Kevin Mosqueda, Priscilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ No additional comment ♦ She helps me get my life together.
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Honors (9)

Cordeiro, William Dakan, Cassandra (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Flexible with questions and clarifications, encouraging, present ♦ Helped me throughout Freshman year and was understanding when I was experiencing difficulties in my personal life. ♦ She has always been really encouraging and kind
Martin, Robyn Mielke, Tammy (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Aside from being an influential professor and person, she gave me the tools to go forth and tackle papers of any size and shape. ♦ She has provided a safe, inquisitive environment for our class to share ideas and thoughts while learning about a broad range of cultures and subjects that we may not have encountered before. ♦ Professor Mielke has encouraged me to find passion in what I write and draw from that passion.
Sheridan, Kathryn Wallace, Robert (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Fantastic emotional and advising support ♦ Both of these professors wanted you to strive and learn. They offered the perfect amount of challenge and support to help me thrive in my first year as a student here at NAU. ♦ Positive learning environment with more push to be successful in the honors program.

THE W.A. FRANKE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (34)

Advising (1)

Burden, Cindy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ No additional comment
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School of Hotel & Restaurant Management (7)

Mann, Darwin (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ He facilitates a diverse learning environment which helps me to understand hard concepts, and he was great to interact with. ♦ My favorite class, the most useful one, and a professor who is always there even about things that are career related or non class related ♦ No additional comment
Hospodka, Lenka Molinaro, Mark (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ She has made her classes so interesting i will be taking a class from her for the third semester. She is always there to listen and help. ♦ Created a positive and fun learning environment ♦ He will explain not only how things are done, but why they are done that way. He also has high expectations for us but supports us and gives us the tools to exceed his expectations ♦ Very helpful, enthusiastic, good reliable source for any questions or concerns in this area of education

The W.A. Franke College of Business (26)

Amer, Beverly (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Is always welcoming to office hours and even though it may not be her own profession she leads me to the best resources for the help I need. ♦ Professor Amer was very approachable and always available. When I was having academic troubles, she really listened to what was going on and offered a lot of advice. She continued to make sure I was on the right path academically and she expressed her concern for my overall well being, which I really appreciated.
Baca, Nancy (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ She is a great economics professor who has contributed to my love of the class and business ♦ She is an amazing teacher and I feel as if I needed to talk to anyone, i would definitely go to her. ♦ No additional comment
Criddle, Amy (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Amy has helped me a lot with researching law school and has given advice on things like the LSAT. She provides great insight from someone with real world experience ♦ Both of these professors wanted you to strive and learn. They offered the perfect amount of challenge and support to help me thrive in my first year as a student here at NAU.
Eastwood, John (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ All these faculty drive me to be successfully by pushing me to work hard and motivating me to be a better person/student. ♦ I am not an econ minor but needed to take the class for my certificate and he made me fall in love with econ so much I added it as a minor!
Gerety, Mason Hickman, Rebecca (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ He taught great, and value the hard work of each student, and encourage them, give them advice ♦ All these faculty drive me to be successful by pushing me to work hard and motivating me to be a better person/student. ♦ explains context well, willing to work with students, and makes personal connections to them ♦ She has made me a more confident individual and supported me in all of my endeavors.
Lewis, Bernadine Navarro, Shirley (6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Always there to explain anything that's unclear, helps me with questions about subjects outside of class and tries her best to explain the course material in detail where everyone can understand. ♦ Awesome person ♦ Great teacher ♦ She has been the most encouraging, understanding, and supportive instructor I have had at NAU. I have built my schedule specifically to have her a second semester. ♦ She's very nice and understanding and helped me through a tough time with my medical issues. ♦ Very caring and personable
O'Connor, Gavin Rousse, Wade (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ He is nice ♦ All these faculty drive me to be successful by pushing me to work hard and motivating me to be a better person/student. ♦ made me look at the bigger picture; opened my eyes a lot
Szal, Richard Voltz, Gunnar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ All these faculty drive me to be successful by pushing me to work hard and motivating me to be a better person/student. ♦ Such a positive man, he helped me realize why I should be going into business

Weber, David
Wilburn, Nancy

- ♦ *Engaging lectures, supportive attitude, most engaging teacher I've had so far*
- ♦ *best teacher i have had*

OTHER AREAS (25)

Academic Success Centers (1)

Clifford, Samantha ♦ *She made my bilingual culture make much more sense to me and helped me connect the world around me 10/10 always recommend her class.*

Admissions Call Center (1)

Karolina Pieja ♦ *No additional comment*

Campus Recreation Services (1)

Flood, Jamie ♦ *Left a good impression by actively engaging in group learning.*

Civic Service Institute (1)

Sims, Elisabeth ♦ *both didn't make me feel stupid about asking questions and they were extremely helpful in my college transition. I felt like I always had someone rooting for me and i knew I could go to them for anything school related!*

Extended Campus Advising (3)

Armstrong, Elaine ♦ *both didn't make me feel stupid about asking questions and they were extremely helpful in my college transition. I felt like I always had someone rooting for me and i knew I could go to them for anything school related!*

Johnson, MaryAnn (2) ♦ *Mary Ann is very helpful and polite. Any time I have questions she has answers to those questions; If she doesn't she finds the answers and gets back to me in a timely manner.*
♦ *She always answered my questions very fast with a lot of useful information.*

Extended Campuses (9)

Austin, Steven ♦ *Very understanding and supportive of my challenges. I am disabled and he has been very compassionate.*

Churchill, Karen ♦ *All three of them have provided me with unconditional support, and have made their doors open to me at any given time, regardless of what they have going on. I would likely not have kept up with my current academic excellence without their advice and support.*

Duggan, Mary ♦ *Her teaching style made a difficult subject seem much easier to grasp.*

Greenswalt, Kristin ♦ *By encouraging me to "keep swimming" and helping me be the best I can be. She has brought a different prospective to Business Stats one that I will remember.*

Jensen, Nancy ♦ *Nancy is always supportive of all students, she helps our student organization, and has helped me plan effectively so I can graduate early.*

Lantz, Benjamin ♦ *Made my experience at NAU so much better.*

Lewis, Scott ♦ *All three of them have provided me with unconditional support, and have made their doors open to me at any given time, regardless of what they have going on. I would likely not have kept up with my current academic excellence without their advice and support.*

Subach, James ♦ *All three of them have provided me with unconditional support, and have made their doors open to me at any given time, regardless of what they have going on. I would likely not have kept up with my current academic excellence without their advice and support.*

Yiamouyiannis, Zeus ♦ *Encouraged me to think outside of the typical academic box to broaden my own understand of emotion/psychology related topics. Inspired me to continue with my studies in psychology with more excitement and curiosity than I had prior to this semester*

Gateway Student Success Center (3)

Caliendo, Scott ♦ *He has always assured me that I will be ok and helped me to achieve my goals. He remembers me when I go in there not just academically but personally.*

Fookes, Derrick ♦ *made registering for classes really easy, eased my nerves, allowed me to think of multiple options, helped me come to the best conclusion for myself*

Jones, Sonjia ♦ *Very informative adviser, clear instructions, and exceedingly helpful in answering all questions.*

Housing and Residence Life (3)

Brabec, Alie ♦ *So positive and nice*

Hudson, Maamideede ♦ *Helped me grow in my leadership and success skills*

Johnson, Trace ♦ *Gives time and effort towards his residents*

NAU-Yuma (1)

Pederson, William ♦ *Mr. Pederson is such an intelligent man that has challenged me to question US Policies and to think more critically.*

Upward Bound Math and Science (1)

Despain, Mark ♦ *He has actively shown he cares about each individual in the program. I have never felt like I was just a number in the program.*

Veteran Success Center (1)

Smith, Steven ♦ *He is a great example and encourages growth through deeper thinking.*