

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of Ms. Katherine Nesbit's nomination for the Excellence Teaching Award.

Ms. Nesbit was my instructor in Rhetoric course in Spring 2015. She has proven to be an excellent teacher and a wonderful asset to the Department of Rhetoric at The University of Iowa. She possessed a very strong interpersonal skills. Her ability to challenge the existing ideas made the learning process become more interesting. She created the final project to be a charity-based presentation. This project stimulated students' creativity and innovation in creating service-oriented community for the caused that they cared for. She also gave flexibility for her students to explore various technology to enhance the learning process.

The most important issue that Kate managed to incorporate in her teaching style is creating an inclusive classroom environment for her students. The Rhetoric course consisted of students from diverse cultural background. Her ability to be open and understanding of other cultures made students felt comfortable being in her class. She was able to memorize and call her students by their first name. It might be seen as simple thing, however not all instructors would be able to spend their time memorizing students' names. She gave everyone a fair chance to communicate ideas in class. She encouraged all her students to participate in class discussions. All of my classmates agreed that Kate managed to create an inclusive classroom experience.

Ms. Nesbit had positively impacted me in my writing and critical reading skills. English is my second language and being in her class had significantly improved my language ability. She was a creative and organized instructor. Her strong work ethics was clearly demonstrated through her ability to spend time in creating variety of teaching tools to make the Rhetoric class more interesting and enjoyable. She started off her morning class by asking check-in questions towards the students. She created a "treasure hunt" activity around the English Philosophy Building (EPB). She valued the process and input of the materials taught in her class. Instead of regular peer-reviewed session for the research paper assignment, she used her creativity and changed it to the "peer-reviewed musical chair session". I always schedule appointments with her at the Frank Communication Center. As a writing tutor, she continually provided me with constructive feedback to improve business writing. Even though I am not her student anymore, she always encouraged me to keep improving my language skills.

In closing, it is with sincere conviction that I enthusiastically recommend that Ms. Katherine Nesbit to be selected as a recipient of the Excellence Teaching Award.

Sincerely,



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