



Advocates and Mentors

CHANCELLOR'S LIST

Amy Murphy-Nugen

- ▶ I would like to invite Dr. Amy Murphy-Nugen from the Social Work department because she is always patient with students and myself to understand assignments and pushes us to do well in everything we do.

-Samantha Dessie Job

Annette Debo

- ▶ While she has been an inspirational figure since the advent of my major, this past spring, she became much more as she helped me realize why I chose my major. She incites an ability to produce constructive work and aids me in developing my own mind as a collegiate. In her classes, I form my greatest academic writing and thoughts, which I attribute to her devotion to her students and her own studies.

-Anna Irene Oates

Arthur Salido

- ▶ Through out my years at school, Dr. Salido has always been a wonderful faculty advisor and has always demonstrated great dedication towards his students in spite of his many duties. This is something that I am very grateful for, and I would really like to thank him.

-Alma Plaza-Rodriguez

Aubrey Ray

- ▶ Aubrey helped me get through last semester by providing a safe place that allowed me to be my true self which helped me focus on doing well in class

-Ashley Danielle Coleman

Barbara Ballentine

- ▶ She has continuously shown enthusiasm and a great attitude as she has supported the Biology Club in her role as advisor. I was very excited to get to take her class and I certainly wasn't disappointed

-Chequita Nicole Brooks

Becky Lindsay

- ▶ Becky Lindsay is my advisor from Student Support Services; she has worked with me closely over the past few semesters and helped guide me to achieving the honor of being listed on the Chancellor's List.

-Matthew S. Drauszewski

Benedict Tholkes

- ▶ Dr. Tholkes has been there for me since the beginning. Whether it was helping me secure internships, acquire certifications, or simply being a mentor in my day-to-day life, he has really helped make my college experience what it turned out to be. Hearing everything he has accomplished is truly inspiring. Plus, he cares so much for his students and genuinely enjoys watching them succeed. I can assuredly say that if it weren't for Ben, I would not be as well-rounded of an individual. He encouraged me to come out of my shell and follow my dreams. I appreciate the recognition given to me at this banquet, and I am looking forward to attending.

-Tayler Dell Hasbrouck

Betty Torrell

- ▶ I'd like to invite Betty Torrell to join me in this celebration because of her unmeasurable academic and personal input in interior design program last year.

-Anna Kuksa Jestin

Bill Kwochka

- ▶ Dr. Bill Kwochka in the chemistry and physics department has been an inspiration for me over the last 3 years. He encouraged me to look into going to graduate school and sparked my interest in research my freshman year when I started researching with him. He has been encouraging as a professor, research advisor and general mentor.

-Lauren Beth Miller

Brent Kinser

- ▶ Dr. Kinser has been a tremendous help to me in the years he has been my advisor and taught me in his classes. He has not only been a factor in deepening my love of literature and cultivating my understanding of it, he has also inspired me to go the extra mile with my education and to keep on pushing myself further and further. I am grateful for all the help he has given me, and I am blessed to have him as a mentor and instructor.

- *Sandra Lee Nikula*

Cecil Livingston

- ▶ Dr. Livingston has inspired me to serve others in the community and society. Dr. Livingston encourages me to do my best work and motivates me to surpass my greatest potential as a student, scholar, and citizen.

-Dustin Colten Mull

Channa deSilva

- ▶ Chemistry is really difficult sometimes, but his happy and bubbly personality helped lighten the mood and helped me learn some tough concepts.

-Michael Robert Penland

Daniel Atterholt

- ▶ He was a very encouraging professor in a class that I was certain I would do poorly in. I admire his spirit and his faith.

-Corey Allen Day

Darby Harris

- ▶ Not only does Dr. Harris excel in the classroom and engage students in the wonderful world of Biology, but he is also an amazing mentor and friend outside of the classroom. He is there for students whenever they may need him (I don't think I've ever seen his door completely shut!) and he never turns anyone away. Recently, the Biology Club has conned him into helping them raise money for the organization by biking from the Natural Science building along the Blue Ridge parkway to App State. By the time this ceremony comes around he will have already made his journey, but I would like to thank him for everything he has done for me and my fellow students and for his enthusiasm for our education.

-Emily Cathan Ashe

David Kinner

- ▶ Dr. Kinner was very willing to work with me last year when I needed to go home for a family emergency. He was very understanding, and went out of his way to help me. Throughout the semester he was also very patient as I bombarded him with question nonstop. He never lost his patience even when I struggled to understand a concept. It is because of him that I developed an appreciation for geology.

-Cortni Reese Hunt

David Scales

- ▶ Dr. Scales is much more than a professor; he is a great mentor and friend, and is very supportive. He goes above and beyond to meet students' needs and is one of the nicest people on Western's campus. Dr. Scales' guidance has helped me throughout my undergraduate career and is now helping me through the transition to graduate school. I owe so much to him! The Psychology department is lucky to have such humble, caring and genuine professor.

- Taylor Elizabeth Bryant

Debbie Singleton

- ▶ I have not been in the major as long as others have, but since I've come into the Parks and Recreation Management family, Debby Singleton has been an inspiration and an strong example for me as a future female professional in our field. Her passion for the profession has been an important factor in motivating me to succeed academically.
- Elyse Mackenzie Boone
- ▶ Over the past three years Mrs. Singleton has played an important role in my academic career as a Parks and Recreation Management student. She has not only been my advisor but also someone who has helped me even outside of the classroom setting. Mrs. Singleton has given me a greater insight into the Ski industry and helped guide me in the best direction possible for my future career.
- Thomas Hunter Graham

Debra Burke

- ▶ Dr. Burke has served as one of my favorite professors in my entire four years at WCU. Every time I attended her class, I felt that I was learning something meaningful about my desired career field and I was always excited to participate in her lessons. Ms. Burke takes the concepts of her curriculum and applies them to real life experiences and extends a great deal of effort and enthusiasm in the material she is teaching. Thank you for a great semester in Contract Law and I aspire to be as successful as you are in my future endeavors!

-Jonathan Michael Parisi

Dianne Chadwick

- ▶ Dianne Chadwick was my professor for my education class, and has always been such a positive and encouraging professor. She inspires me to be a better teacher every day. I would really appreciate and would feel honored if she would attend.

-Katelyn A Finley

- ▶ Dianne Chadwick. Dianne was one of my professors sophomore year and made me realize how I will be making a difference in children's lives every day! She was such a positive influence on me during my college career and I could not thank her enough!

-Kellie Marie Theresa Patz

Andrew Bobilya

- ▶ Dr. Bobilya is an extremely supportive professor and helps to get his students involved anywhere that would benefit their carrier path. This professor is dedicated, patient, and excellent teacher, and goes out of his way to help his students. He is a irreplaceable addition the WCU's faculty and the Parks and Recreation Management Program.

-Krista Marie Laplante

Ellen Sigler

- ▶ She made class so much fun and was always energetic and open to class discussion. I absolutely loved the way she ran her class and she went out of her way to help her students both in the class and helping us figure out the rest of our college career and even beyond that. She is the reason I started an independent study and has been beyond helpful with that! She is just so optimistic and been there for me through the class and with my study, even when she was busy, she has always made time to help me. She's very easy going and outgoing and just a well-rounded, amazing professor.

-Ashley Marie Dillard

Erin Adams

- ▶ I invite Dr. Erin Adams. I know her your 2 years and she inspires me to do my hardest both my schoolwork and work that greatly contributes to my career here at Western.

-Tuyen C Tram

Erin McNelis

- ▶ Dr. McNelis is a great educator and an incredible human being. She is so patient, and always willing to help students. No matter what she is doing, when I stop by her office, she stops what she is doing and tries to help in anyway she can!

-Mohammed Khalid Shutayfi

Erin Tapley

- ▶ Erin is an inspiration to not only students in the Art Education program, but in the entire art department. She is an outstanding educator and will assist you with all that she can at anytime, day or night. She is what every educator should aspire to be and has been a positive influence to me during my time in the art program at Western Carolina.

- Margaret Ann Elliott

Geoff Goehle

- ▶ I have had several classes with Dr. Goehle and he has been a mentor to me because he pushes me to be more than just a good student- he inspires me to be a better mathematician. He always encourages me to set myself to a high standard, and if I achieve that standard, set a higher one. He has molded me more than any other professors into the mathematician I am today.

- Melody Alison MacDonald Bruce

Greg Adkinson

- ▶ I had him for human biology spring 2015, he made a boring topic (human biology) fun and interesting. He's a nice guy, and very intelligent.

- *Joshua Andrew Ritch*

Heather Coan

- ▶ She was a great help to me in achieving my 4.0. Her Biology 140 class was interesting and exciting because of the way she taught the material.

-Jennifer Ellen Jackson

Holly Pinter

- ▶ Dr. Holly Pinter because her teaching and support have inspired me to be the best middle school mathematics teacher I can be! She has helped me continue in the transition from a math student to a math teacher.

- *Madelynn Mae Cox*

- ▶ Dr. Holly Pinter will be attending as well. She is the reason I decided to be an education major, so to say she's had an impact on my college career is an understatement.
-*Meagan Patricia Dube*

- ▶ She influenced me to be a better teacher. She was always there whenever anyone needed her with helpful advice. If she did not know the answers to our questions, she would always find them out and relay the message. Even though she is not my teacher this semester, I feel like I can go to her for anything.

-*Allison Michelle Winkler*

Holly Pinter

- ▶ Dr. Pinter is special to me because she makes me laugh when I am stressed to the max. She is understanding when the craziness of balancing school, student teaching and a full time job becomes to much. Block, last semester, was a whirlwind but Dr. Pinter kept me grounded and never failed to talk with me or work with me at all, and for that I am grateful. I couldn't have done it with out her awesome vibes and personality. .

- Sarah Elizabeth Elkins

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-Jessica Lee Shearin

Jackson Deziel

- ▶ Jackson Deziel was my lab instructor for my EMC-Basic course and he was the greatest one I have ever had. He taught us the information we needed to know and kept the class fun. I always looked forward to it.

-Delaney Ross Garris

Jeanne Dulworth

- ▶ Jeanne Dulworth from the Social Work Department truly wants her students to succeed and uses examples and a way of teaching that is understandable and not overwhelming. She is the best professor I've ever had.

-Brooklyn Destinee Reins

- ▶ She has been one of my largest mentors and advocates during my time here at Western

-Marley Hannah Ferrisrris

Jennifer Williamson

- ▶ She always has her door open for anyone to stop in; and as you can guess, yes, I took advantage of that. Jennifer has been a huge support with not only school situations but personal as well.

-English Malik Johnson

Jenny Stewart

- ▶ Throughout my career at WCU Jenny has been more than just an advisor, she has been a mentor and a personal friend. She has always made time for me regardless of the type of circumstance I was dealing with. She has been a great mentor and inspiration throughout my college stay at WCU.

-Chelsey Lynn Kepley

- ▶ *Jenny Stewart has been a great inspiration to me. She is the faculty member for WHEE Teach and has made sure she formed a bond with us and showed us that she wanted our club to thrive. She is also an awesome adviser and has helped me and encouraged me to reach my goals.*

-Helen Marie McKinney

Jill Cargile

- ▶ Because she is the one stand behind me and support me all the time. Also, she was told me don't give up and encourage me the last semester to work hard in my class

-Mofleh Mahammad M Alqahtani

- ▶ Because she was supporting and standing with me all the time during the IEP program and throw the University.

-Abdullah Hashem Kabi

John Whitmire

- ▶ I would also like to recognize Dr. John Whitmire, Department Head of the Philosophy Department, as the professor who has inspired great motivation in me as well as countless other students that have had the privilege of learning in his classes. Dr. Whitmire has gone above and beyond to mentor me in various ways that go well beyond the classroom. His guidance has renewed my desire when I have been at personal low points to strive for and seek challenges that Academia has to offer. He is a unique professor that I know almost all students look up to and constantly ask guidance from. He delivers information in a manner that is unbiased and encourages students to defend their personal stances in a productive manner. Dr. Whitmire has become an academic father figure to me over the past year that I have been able to attend Western Carolina and I look forward to his continued guidance over the next year as well as after I graduate. Thank you for everything Dr. Whitmire, your actions will always be regarded in the highest manner by me and so many others.

-Kevin David Bryson

John Williams

- ▶ Dr. John Williams (Anthropology Department) has helped me a lot with my undergraduate research as well as being a trusted person I know can help me out with my career path and classes. .

-Lauren Gray Stogner

Joseph Lakatos

- ▶ Dr. Lakatos has been a mentor to me since I met him at the Discovery Forum in Fall of 2013. He helped me design my Special Studies Degree, and has always been there to help me to look at challenges confidently and constructively. He has pushed me to do my best, trust in myself, and without his guidance, the past few years would have been much harder for me. Most of all, he has encouraged me to keep doors open, explore new topics, and think critically about building the foundation for my future.

-Austin Richard Brown

JP Gannon

- ▶ JP Gannon, my teacher of soil and hydrology class last semester because he was always here to help me.

- *Anais Melodie Seychelles*

Kathleen Brennan

- ▶ Dr. Kathleen Brennan has inspired me to follow my desires in a major of which I am thrilled to be in. She has been of great encouragement to me whether it be in guidance, listening or talking about our crazy days and schedules. I could not be more thankful to have her as someone I look up to as a role model.

- Emily Anne Gustafson

Katrina Coggins

- ▶ Katrina Coggins from the WCU nursing school. For the past year she has taught me an amazing amount of information. Aside from the teaching aspect she has been continually given me confidence and support in times of stress (which occur often). She is not only the kind of nurse I hope to be, but I also aspire to be the kind of person she is.

-Alyssa Brook Sorrells

Kelly Tracy

- ▶ She has been a very influential professor in my educational career, thus far. She is an excellent role model for any future teacher and any student here on this campus. Thank you for this opportunity.

-Lindsey Paige Frank

- ▶ Because if I grow up to be at least half the teacher she is, I know I'll be doing something right.

- Berkleigh Reagan Dew

Ken Flynt

- ▶ Professor Flynt, has been instrumental in helping me pursue my Finance degree and igniting a passion for the Banking industry.

- *Dianna Nicole Almond*

Leigh Odom

- ▶ I would like to invite Dr. Leigh Odom in the CSD department. Dr. Odom truly loves teaching and helping others. I have enjoyed having her as a teacher as well as an advisor.

- *Rachel Ann Cox*

Lisa Briggs

- ▶ Dr. Briggs has been an instrumental part of my college career. She sought me out for experiences and opportunities above and beyond those of the classroom. Thanks to her and her belief in me, I have been able to really believe in myself and pursuing my dreams. Her enthusiasm for her career, students, and programs are admirable. Dr. Briggs has been my biggest supporter in and outside of the classroom for many years and I can truthfully say, my time at Western Carolina University would not have been what it was without her influence.

-Emily Lauren Jaynes

- ▶ She has been a role model and a mentor to me all four years I was in college.

-Michelle Brook Griffin

Lisa Hilger

- ▶ She taught my Stress Management, Health, and Wellness course and taught us how to respond to stress, which has been extremely beneficial. She was always happy and prepared for class, and she was very helpful anytime someone needed assistance. Thank you.

-Anna Christine Crisp

Lori Oxford

- ▶ Lori Oxford. She has been such an inspiration to me, whether it be in the classrooms of WCU, or in the streets of Valencia, Spain. She is a wonderful role model and flawless professor. I truly appreciate everything she has done for me.

- *Brittany Lee Garber*

Mary Ella Engel

- ▶ Dr. Engel has made a huge impact in my life and the lives of her students, taking time out of her very busy schedule to advise and council us through many different circumstances. Her personal experience in the field of history enables her to better assist her students, and her words of wisdom are always accompanied with a smile and encouragement. I was blessed to sit under Dr. Engel for her "History of Southern Appalachia" course, and the effects of her teaching have changed the way I approach my own future as a historian o our fine state. Dr. Engel is an incredible asset to WCU and the history department, and I am honored to know her.

-Anna Elizabeth Killian

Mary Kay Bauer

- ▶ She is in charge of the vocal music department. She has been my musical role model, and I hope to be an exceptional teacher like her. Without her, my experience at Western would not have been as rewarding. She models patience, creativity, and a love for teaching.

-Josef Cruz

Melisa McNeil

- ▶ She is a great student advisor!

-Shujaa Khalid AlMutairi

Michael Boatright

- ▶ Dr. Michael Boatright, in the English Department, is the most encouraging, uplifting, and caring professor I have ever had. His class taught me so much about the type of teacher I want to be someday. He is a positive role model for all of his students and genuinely cares about each of them.

- *Ansley Rae Henson*

Michelle Scifers

- ▶ Dr. Scifers is extremely dedicated to her students success and helping them accomplish their goals no matter what they might be.

-Kaci T Stepp

Mickey Randolph

- ▶ She models in her class to show us what some practices would look like, so we will be better prepared for when we are in the classroom.

-Kathleen Mariece Alland

Nancy Luke

- ▶ Throughout my last semester here at Western Carolina University, she was a solid rock that I could lean on in times of need. She was always there to answer any of my questions and still today is available if I ever need her help. God truly placed her within my major so I would be able to make it through my block teaching semester. She makes me want to be the best teacher I can be.

-Taylor Paxton Emily Hunter

Pam Buchannan

- ▶ Pam Buchannan from University Health Services has been the true definition of a mentor to me during my tenure with Campus EMS. It's like she sees a polished professional in my future and has the power to shape me during this time in order to make that happen.

-Dalton Nevada Barrett

Peter Nieckarz

- ▶ Dr. Peter Nieckarz from the Sociology department has been one of the most influential professors during my time at WCU. He always makes going to class interesting and has always answered any questions I have had. He is an excellent professor and has helped me become the student I am today.

-Tallah Lorain Wilson

Rebecca Lasher

- ▶ Professor Lasher has been a great help and one of my biggest supporters during my time here at Western, and her efforts should be recognized.

- *Sarah Elizabeth Chester*

Scott Eldredge

- ▶ Dr. Scott Eldredge is an incredible professor and mentor. I have never met someone so passionate about teaching – he will do anything and everything he can to help his students succeed. He always goes the extra mile for us, over 150 actually (he carpooled with a handful of us to Atlanta for a conference in February). I would like to bring Dr. Eldredge as my faculty guest because he deserves recognition, too. After all, I don't think I would be where I am today without his guidance, support and encouragement. So, I think it is only fitting that we celebrate this achievement together.

-Channing Carter Lovett

Scott Radar

- ▶ My academic advisor and mentor, Dr. Charles Scott Rader, has played a particularly prominent role in supporting and guiding me through the academic challenges.

-Nadzeya Heller

Shannon Thompson

- ▶ Dr. Thompson has been my studio teacher and academic advisor for the past four years. She has helped me grow as a student, musician, and person.

-Brandie Leigh Penner

Sharon Dole

- ▶ She has always been an educational inspiration to me. Her involvement with Exceptional studies is why I chose the path of inclusive Education. Thanks for always being there Dr. Dole!

- Angela T Rockwell

Stacy Miller

- ▶ Stacy Miller has helped me on and off the field. As a student athlete finding a balance is very difficult, but Stacy really helped me in finding that balance. She pushes me to be the best I can be and never lets up.

-Chandler Ann Arrowood

Sudhir Kaul

- ▶ Not only have I had this faculty member for two courses, but he is my advisor. He is always on top of things related to the courses and the well-being for all his students at WCU. He provides material in the most understanding way possible and he wants all students to reach their full potential. I feel bad for students who do not get to meet an individual like Dr. Kaul.

-Wesley Dalton Mull

Susan Braithwaite

- ▶ I really would like to invite the best professor I have for the last semester is Dr. Susan Braithwaite From EMC classes. She is very nice and always willing to help. Despite the class was tough, she tried her best to make the class clear and interesting.

-Faisal Abdullah Ghazwani

Terry Armfield

- ▶ As someone who has been neglected most of my life it is the most refreshing feeling knowing that at Western there is one of the most truest people in the World. Terry Armfield doesn't just care about all the info she teaches but her first effort is the students. In the school of music she is a queen to the students, not just by her teaching practices but how she treats us. I have never set anyone like her and she is truly one of God's greatest creations.

-Nickolas Daniel Glenn

Travis Bennett

- ▶ Dr. Bennett has always been there as a mentor for me to encourage my growth as a musician and help me in any way to achieve my goals.

-Katelyn Phyllis Johnson

Vicki Szabo

- ▶ Dr. Vicki Szabo has been such an amazing advisor and mentor to me the past three years. Not only that, but she is an excellent teacher and loves what she does.
-Savannah J Marino
- ▶ Vicki Szabo of the History department because of her role in motivating me to do well on all of my assignments for all of my classes, and to look for deeper meanings in books that I read.
-Lindsay Anne Russell

Wayne Aho

- ▶ Fantastic professor and mentor!

- Austin G Gyori

William Krehling

- ▶ Dr. Krehling is, hands down, the best instructor I've ever had. Dr. Krehling constantly challenges me to really think critically about the material I learn, and his projects and tests have always pushed me to do my absolute best work. Dr. Krehling is not only an incredible instructor, but he's also one of the kindest and welcoming people I've ever met. In fact, there's not a single Computer Science major I know that hasn't been helped by Dr. Krehling at one time or another. Whether he's answering questions after class or working for hours on end to help a student on a programming project, Dr. Krehling truly cares about the success and well-being of his students. This is why I feel honored to consider Dr. Krehling a mentor - not only as a Computer Scientist - but as a person.

-Michael Justin Bruce

Windy Gordon

- ▶ He is such a great professor and genuinely cares for each one of his students. He is very passionate about each subject he teaches which makes it hard not to love what you are learning when you are in his classes. He is one of the most passionate caring professors I have had the opportunity to come across on this campus.

-Emily Louise Freeman