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Dear Dr. Baker:

The College of Education and Professional Studies Student Leadership Council is delighted to inform you that you were selected as a finalist for the the 2019 - 2020 Faculty Mentoring Award. Congratulations!

The Student Leadership Council solicited nominations from all College of Education and Professional Studies students and received 43 nominations! Of those nominations, your mentoring efforts rose to the top.

Each year the CEPS Student Leadership Council confers the Faculty Mentoring Award to a College of Education and Professional Studies professor who embodies the College's Mission, Vision, and Values as they relate to mentoring our students in a capacity that enables them to grow academically, professionally, and personally.

The Council would like to share with you some of the positive feedback that your multiple student nominators took the time to include:

*I made a massive career change in 2019. Dr. Baker went above and beyond in helping me revise my resume to showcase new resume skills and give me specific advice on my portfolio. He helped me prepare for my first interview by providing practice questions and feedback on my practice responses. He took time to talk to me about the difference between teaching (my former career) and instructional design. When the position at UWF opened, he encouraged me to apply, and told me why my strengths would help meet UWF's needs for the specific position.*

*This faculty member deserves the Faculty Mentoring Award for his excellence in providing an educational experience that has been insightful in the field that I want to continue working towards, which is distance learning and instructional design. He is very knowledgeable and passionate about instructional design. With his interesting lectures and personal touches to his courses, he provides a learning experience that has certainly impacted me and motivated me to learn.*

*Dr. Baker and I met through an undergraduate course a few years ago. He took the time to meet with me in-person to discuss my concerns about class assignments. He gave me direct feedback as well as suggestions to alter my classroom performance. It is his mentorship that gave me the confidence to apply for graduate school.*

On behalf of the Student Leadership Council and all CEPS students, we want to thank you for going above and beyond. Your commitment to mentoring will have a lasting impact on our lives. You embody the true spirit of teaching, and we thank you wholeheartedly.

With gratitude,

*Chloe Diehl*

Chloe Diehl, 2019 - 2020 Chair  
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