

George Mason University
Stearns Center for Teaching and Learning
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Greetings,

Please accept this letter of strong support of Dr. Daphne King for the Online Teaching Excellence Award in recognition of her innovation, commitment, and impact on social work students as they move through the social work programs. I have had the privilege of collaborating with Dr. King as a colleague on the Social Work Administrative team since 2019 and have participated in peer evaluations of her instruction in online courses. Additionally, we were selected to co-present innovative teaching strategies at a national conference of social work educators in 2023.

I strongly support Dr. King for this award, recognizing her excellence in online teaching. Dr. King is an expert in the field of social work, and she is able to incorporate her knowledge with her innovative teaching methods to provide online students with creative content that supports inclusive and supportive engagement. Dr. King is committed to embracing new techniques and methodologies to ensure that her virtual classroom continues to connect students to learning. Student feedback consistently identifies her strengths and approachability.

During my latest peer evaluation of Dr. King's SOCW 600 course, her content and organization as well as her teaching methods were exemplary. Her ability to engage online students in conversation, reflection and discussion is remarkable. Her consistent outreach via weekly email and video establishes a warm and welcoming class environment. Her teaching is organized, focused on professional development and accessible to all students.

Dr. King provides strong leadership and program administration to full-time faculty as well as adjunct faculty. Her collaborative spirit strengthens the department's administrative team. Dr. King is a beacon of adaptability and creativity in teaching. Her commitment to student success is evident in all that she does.

I remain available to provide more information as needed. Again, I wholeheartedly support Dr. King for the Stearns Center Online Teaching Excellence Award.

Thank you,

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