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Undergraduate Studies

Dear Nancy,

Weber Honors College + Honor Societies

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Congratulations! You have been selected by the Weber Honors College graduating class of 2020 to receive the **Weber Honors College Outstanding Faculty Award** at the Weber Honors College Graduation Reception on Thursday, December 17, 2020 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Montezuma Hall.

Graduating honors students were invited to nominate a faculty member who had the most significant influence on their collegiate experience. Selection criteria included the ability to cultivate intellectual curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking, offer a global perspective, promote an attuned moral compass, and motivate and influence. Nominations overwhelmingly indicated that students appreciate your ability to establish a warm, inviting, open atmosphere in class that is optimal for student learning and for building connection and community. As one student nomination indicated, "Her teaching style is very effective because she does not just ask students to read, she makes sure to have a class discussion on the reading and engage with the whole class."

It is clear from the nominations that you consistently encourage your students to think critically and from diverse, global perspectives, especially as it relates to promoting public health and welfare. One student noted, "In both classes I've taken with professor Gannon–Hornberger [on gun safety and children's well–being], we read about other countries, mainly about which countries were more successful than the U.S. and what we could learn from them." Students clearly value your skills in presenting course material and facilitating discussions in ways that nurture curiosity, benevolence, and enthusiasm for learning. One student nomination stated, "She is somebody I look up to because she really cares about the well–being of her clients at work, her family, and her students. She radiates positivity and kindness which made me excited for her class every week." While another student reflected, "She is such a strong influential woman and I do not see how anyone could take her class and not be motivated to do their best!"

This award recognizes your distinguished career as a practitioner, scholar and teacher, and also your dedication to students and to the culture of excellence on campus. We are honored to invite you to receive the award at our graduation reception. Your name will be printed in the Honors Graduation Program as receiving the Honors Outstanding Faculty Award. We appreciate the dedication and influence you have provided to your students and hope that you will accept this award at our graduation reception on December 17, 2020. We invite you to bring along special guests.

Sincerely,

Stacey L. Sinclair, Ph.D.

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