



**Faculty / Staff Comments Report
2005 On-Line Sophomore Survey**

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2005 Sophomore Student

The students at Northern Arizona University value their faculty. Whether it is sophomores, graduating seniors, or alumni, students consistently rate their satisfaction with the quality of NAU’s faculty above ninety-five percent. For the last three years, the Office of Planning and Institutional Research has conducted an annual Sophomore Survey. On this survey students are asked *“If any member of the NAU faculty or staff has positively influenced your experience at NAU, please complete the following information.”* Students are then asked to provide a name, department, and comment. The following is a summary of the data collected on this one question; and the attached report lists all the comments from the students regarding faculty and staff.

Out of the 513 students that participated in the survey, 220 students (43%) provided one or more names of a faculty or staff member that has positively influenced their experience at NAU. A total of 259 compliments were made about 181 individual faculty / staff members. The table below summarizes the names and departments of those faculty / staff members that received the most comments.

Most Acknowledged Faculty / Staff 2005 Sophomore Survey		
Name	Department	Number of Comments
Scott Antes	Anthropology	7
Troy Hutchings	Division of Student Services	6
Christine Jaszay	Hotel and Restaurant Management	4
Barbara Jo Maier	Theater	4
Lesley Fox	Psychology	4
Don Olson	English	4
Brandon Cruickshank	Chemistry	4

As may be expected, as they are the largest colleges, the majority of comments were about faculty / staff in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, followed by Arts and Letters. While most of the complements were for faculty and academic areas, 9% were given to non-instructional areas such as the Native American Student Services, Athletics, NAU Rec, New Student Programs, Office of Public Affairs, Multicultural Student Center, and Gateway Services.

Numerous comments were regarding faculty / staff members who are approachable, caring, dedicated, and excited about their subject matter. Several comments were related to how a faculty member had gotten the student so enthusiastic about course material that they looked forward to each class. Many faculty / staff were recognized for providing career advice and being positive role models. Several students credited a faculty or staff member for assisting them with finding solutions to personal problems that allowed them to stay in school.

On the following “2005 On-Line Sophomore Survey Faculty / Staff Comments” report, please note that if a student provided multiple names with one general comment, the student’s comment was duplicated.

2005 On-Line Sophomore Survey - - Faculty/ Staff Comments

This report lists the comments recorded by students on the 2005 Sophomore Survey when asked:

"If any member of the NAU faculty or staff has positively influenced your experience at NAU, please complete the following information".

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
Arts & Letters			
Percentage of Student Comments:		23%	
Art			
		Lynne Oulman	<i>She has provided me with a really good support system and has helped me realize I am able to work well in that area.</i>
		Art	Total Number of Comments: 1
Art History			
		Alyce Jordan	<i>She helped academically and socially when ever I asked for helped, and she gave me a positive interest in the course she taught.</i>
		Greta Murphy	<i>She helped academically and socially when ever I asked for helped, and she gave me a positive interest in the course she taught.</i>
		Art History	Total Number of Comments: 2
Chemistry			
		Edgar Civitello	<i>He is a great teacher in the classroom, even though he goes a little fast sometimes, but he also has a great sense of humor and he was available to help during office hours.</i>
		John Nauman	<i>He has made it possible for me to get more involved with the chemistry department when he gave me a job there.</i>
		John Wettaw	<i>He learns all of his student's names and is concerned about your wellbeing and your future goals. He takes time to get to know his students and to be available.</i>
		Scott Savage	<i>He showed that he cared for the student's and wants them to succeed.</i>
		Scott Savage	<i>Brings the class into his lectures, very interactive with the class, and presents the information in a very easy manner to understand. Many respectful views and good advise toward life.</i>
		Wayne Hildebrandt	<i>Dr. Hildebrandt made a class like chemistry a desirable and entertaining course to take, I'm really disappointed that he doesn't teach courses other than chem. 151. He is an excellent teacher and his teaching methods help make the material easy to learn.</i>
		Wayne Hildebrandt	<i>Wayne was a big part of me keeping my chem. major. Not only has Wayne helped me when I was in his class but over the semesters has continued to be a good friend.</i>
		Chemistry	Total Number of Comments: 7
Choral Studies			
		Edith Copley	<i>Has provided great advice and has directed me to become a better person.</i>
		Gary Weidenaar	<i>Has provided great advice and has directed me to become a better person.</i>
		Choral Studies	Total Number of Comments: 2

English

Amanda Bowling	<i>She taught me a lot. She cares about teaching people. She dealt with me when I could not write a paper (I am a high school dropout).</i>
Amy Guy	<i>Amy is a teacher that helps you understand what she is teaching in a respectful manner. She is always understanding of personal issues and is willing to work with a single student's specific needs.</i>
Barbara Anderson	<i>Encouraged me to pursue a degree in creative writing and praised my poetry.</i>
Don Olson	<i>He inspired his students to think about the world for what it is and who each person is in it and was able to teach and connect with students in a more intellectual way, combining elements from the course with real life issues. This has inspired me to think about life in a different way.</i>
Don Olson	<i>Don really cares about his students and we still keep in touch since freshman year. He is great.</i>
Don Olson	<i>Everyone that has taken his class has loved it. I did too, and he is what a teacher should be: inspirational and someone who encourages his students to want to do well. I just wish he taught more classes.</i>
Don Olson	<i>By integrating out of class experiences with the readings Don made this class very enjoyable.</i>
Donelle Ruwe	<i>She introduced me to poets and authors I never would have considered and made her class challenging, rewarding and most of all fun.</i>
Elizabeth Irene Matthews	<i>She has been helpful with helping me to see literature in a different way, and understanding different cultures.</i>
Jay Farness	<i>Dr. Farness brings vast knowledge of literature and boundless enthusiasm to the classroom. As an instructor, he has been an inspiration to me. He has an uncanny ability to draw out students' insights regarding literature, making classroom discussions a strong academic tool and a real pleasure. Dr. Farness is a tremendous asset to this University.</i>
Krista Ferguson	<i>Krista Ferguson took the time to help me understand certain areas of higher education and areas pertinent to my life and major. Krista Ferguson's help was objective and relevant to most aspects of my academic and overall career.</i>
Tiffany Threatt	<i>She was the a positive influence on my writing, and helped strengthen my writing skills. Tiffany was able and willing to help out her students, and I liked the fact that she was closed to her students age, it made it more fun and personable with the class. I wish she was back at NAU. I have never done better in a English class in my life. I have confidence in my writing once again because of the class and her.</i>

English

Total Number of Comments: 12

Fine Arts

Lynne Oulman	<i>She has provided me with a really good support system and has helped me realize I am able to work well in that area.</i>
Lynne Wright	<i>She has been one of the most professional and understanding teachers I have had yet at school and has taught me much about art that I never knew before, which I appreciate. I have enjoyed her class better than any other during my Spring 2005 semester.</i>

Fine Arts

Total Number of Comments: 2

History

Beth Moser	<i>She has made herself available for help and her classes are challenging but not impossible. She uses different types of assessment to compose your grade. Tests, papers, class participation and quizzes so no matter if you don't perform well in a certain area you can still show your knowledge of the subject matter and keep a decent grade.</i>
Susan Deeds	<i>She made herself available for help and her class was challenging but not impossible. She uses different types of assessment to compose your grade. Tests, papers, class participation and quizzes so no matter so even if you don't perform well in a certain area you can still show your knowledge of the subject matter and keep a decent grade.</i>
Susan Deeds	<i>She has always been there and been an understanding teacher.</i>
Valeen Avery	<i>She has made herself available for help and her classes are challenging but not impossible. She uses different types of assessment to compose your grade. Tests, papers, class participation and quizzes so no matter if you don't perform well in a certain area you can still show your knowledge of the subject matter and keep a decent grade.</i>
Valeen Avery	<i>She is very passionate about her job. She likes her students and she enjoys teaching them. She is outgoing and she does not just stand there and ramble off facts. She tells a story and makes it extremely interesting and poses important questions. She is confident in her teaching methods and she shows confidence in her students. Her class (Women in American History) was my favorite so far and I learned a lot. She made what she was talking about important and applicable to my own life.</i>
Valeen Avery	<i>She explains things well and can always make her class interesting. She is so informative and I normally do not have to study to much for her tests because I remember what she teaches in class. She's the best!</i>

History

Total Number of Comments: 6

Interior Design

Carl Clark	<i>Being an older student he has helped me get into the academic environment with ease and has always been available to meet with me and help me with issues.</i>
Carl Clark	<i>He is the reason I chose to come here because of his positive attitude about NAU's Interior Design program. He made me feel that he would accommodate my learning experience the best he could, and he has. He is my advisor now and has continued to inspire me.</i>
Gay Margo Miller	<i>Mrs. Miller is always willing to help in anyway possible. She is usually in her office until 7pm every night. If I have ever had a problem in any class, even if it is not her class, she does whatever she can to help. She has also been there to help me with problems outside of school. She is truly knowledgeable about her field</i>
Gay Margo Miller	<i>She has always been friendly, supportive, helpful, insightful, and a good teacher.</i>

Interior Design

Total Number of Comments: 4

Modern Languages

Chie Okubo	<i>Chie Okubo has renewed my faith in good instructors. She has inspired me further and further along the path that I want to take, and I am sure that if not for her I would transfer schools to one with a Japanese major program.</i>
Gina Diaz	<i>By making Spanish fun and not seem as difficult.</i>
Judith Costello	<i>She was very encouraging and helpful.</i>
Karen Schairer	<i>Señora Schairer has made Spanish an interesting and informative experience while keeping the students on their toes and being flexible with the learning styles of her students, allowing more time in certain areas where the students might need more help.</i>
Karen Schairer	<i>I shattered my leg earlier this semester and Karen was amazing with helping me get back up to speed in the class.</i>
Melissa Marcus	<i>Dr. Melissa Marcus is an understanding individual. I have experienced many negative things that occurred this semester and over the past two years. With the many changes that have occurred just this semester, she has been supportive and available.</i>
Meredithe Halt	<i>Seemed genuinely concerned with academic progress.</i>

Modern Languages Total Number of Comments: 7

Music

Elizabeth George	<i>This is an incredible professor. She reaches the students, always makes time for them, and is also there for her students. I have learned so much from her in the classroom. I don't know one person that doesn't like her.</i>
Frank Scott	<i>I work with Dr. Scott frequently for lessons and musical technique. He is open to listening to my ideas and is quite flexible in his approach to working with students. He is also very competent at teaching and describes to students in such a way that they will be able to understand and comprehend the idea.</i>
James Leve	<i>He voluntarily schedules study sessions with his Music History classes before a test that is taken out of his free time, sometimes late at night (10 pm) just to accommodate to his students' busy schedules. He is very understanding and sympathetic to a music student's busy lifestyle, and realizes that the content in his class is difficult and hard to grasp, so he helps in any way that he can.</i>
Jonathan Bergeron	<i>Has helped immensely with my schooling and has been the most supportive in my decisions, great mentor!!</i>
Margaret Gunderson	<i>She has been there to support me, and taken extra time to rehearse with me to make sure I got the help I needed.</i>
Nola Jones	<i>She is an amazing person who got me into music again. I wasn't planning on being in marching band but when she met me she made me feel as if the entire band wanted and needed me there. I was very lucky to meet her at lumberjack welcome week. She is great and if I were in charge of things I would make sure she stayed for a very long time</i>
Steve Hemphill	<i>Excellent instructor, mentor, and role model.</i>

Music Total Number of Comments: 7

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
	Philosophy		
		Christopher Griffin	<i>Dr. Griffin is very enthusiastic and I think he connects well with his students. I have become much more interested in Philosophy because of him.</i>
		David Sherry	<i>Dr. Sherry hosted my only fun class this semester. He is an incredible teacher. I have never had a teacher explain things so well. Out of all my teachers all through elementary, middle, high school and college, he has been the most influential and the best.</i>
		Dennis Rusche	<i>Interesting and dedicated, very friendly, and as far as I can tell, smart as hell.</i>
		Dennis Rusche	<i>He gave me good insight on how to deal with different people and how to effectively react to different situations.</i>
		Kim Maclaren	<i>She opened my eyes to new ideas about how I perceived the world.</i>
		Peter Kosso	<i>Helped with learning better critical reading skills and analysis. Also made the classes very exciting and interesting and helped me excel in philosophical interests.</i>
		Philosophy	Total Number of Comments: 6
	Theater		
		Barbara Jo Maier	<i>She continually has a deep caring nature for her students and enjoys teaching them. She makes me feel worth while and is always willing to help with anything. She has a wonderful and a wonderful demeanor about her to make her an amazing teacher.</i>
		Barbara Jo Maier	<i>She encourages me to do my best and try new things. She helped me find my strengths and weaknesses and helps me strengthen what I need to.</i>
		Barbara Jo Maier	<i>Her passion for teaching is apparent to all of the Theatre Education majors. She not only provides constant advising, but she is open to counsel students as a friend. She has created several new opportunities to give experience to students who are planning on teaching as a career.</i>
		Barbara Jo Maier	<i>She has been very supportive of everything I've tried to do and encouraged me in my theatre minor. She is always available for help, even though I'm not a major in her department.</i>
		Theater	Total Number of Comments: 4
	Total Number of Comments for College:	60	

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
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Business Administration

Percentage of Student Comments: 5%

Accounting

Berverly Amer	<i>A great teacher and so helpful with everything needed.</i>
Bob Kilpatrick	<i>Great guy, even better teacher.</i>
Kay Pitt	<i>She is an extremely good teacher. She teaches a very difficult class but still manages to explain all the information in a thorough and efficient manner. She also cares about her students and will help them in any way she can.</i>
Michael Jessen	<i>A very knowledgeable person, who informs his students how to succeed in the class but more importantly in life itself.</i>
Michael Jessen	<i>No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.</i>
Nancy Wilburn	<i>Wonderful teaching.</i>
Nancy Wilburn	<i>Dr. Nancy has been so amazing in all areas. She works with me to jump start my career and lets me know of opportunities I might be interested in.</i>
T.S Amer	<i>Very good teacher and has got me very interested in accounting.</i>

Accounting

Total Number of Comments: 8

Economics

Dean Smith	<i>No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.</i>
Dennis Foster	<i>I had a class with him freshman and sophomore year. While I switched my major from business I still think of Dr. Foster's class often. He was always very prepared. He requires his students to think and get active. He always engaged us in projects. He used power point slides for lectures and offered to send them to you if you had further questions. He was always firm in his rules and understanding. He got to know our names. That was huge. And he always demanded the best from us and that made me want to show him I could do well so he would be proud of me. You didn't have to be the smartest in the class, but you just had to work hard.</i>
Dennis Foster	<i>Helped me decide on business as a major and has helped to clarify the direction of the business program at NAU.</i>
Doug Brown	<i>I had him for UC 101 and Eco 285, he gave me support and his thoughts on life and how I could overcome my challenges and to overcome certain adversities and be successful. He made me feel welcome and we shared a common respect for one another. He sort of acted as a parent here that I did not have.</i>
Pin Ng	<i>Great caring teacher who helped me learn more effectively as well as create a sense of belief in my self.</i>

Economics

Total Number of Comments: 5

Office

Kathy Kimball

Always sounding positive, providing support and asking about my day makes me want to go to school and learn.

Office

Total Number of Comments: 1

Total Number of Comments for College: 14

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
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Education

Percentage of Student Comments: 11%

Division of Student Services

Troy Hutchings	<i>Troy has been an amazing source of guidance and support as I have hemmed and hawed with deciding to become an elementary education major. He sees 'teacher' qualities in myself that I am not even aware of! When it got the point where I had the highest grade on the midterm, yet wasn't even an ed major, Troy pulled me aside and helped me reconsider my vision of my future; in other words, "You are such a teacher, why aren't you getting it?!" (Well, he didn't exactly say it that way). Troy has made my fears of teaching less daunting, and has always provided a reassuring voice. He is truly passionate about his work and has a genuine love for his students. I doubt I would be as interested in education today if it were not for him!</i>
Troy Hutchings	<i>I had to leave Flagstaff before a major exam due to the sudden death of a very close friend and he told my professor for me.</i>
Troy Hutchings	<i>Troy Hutchings was an outstanding teacher. He made learning so much fun, and I never wanted to miss class because he made it interesting. He was always excited about teaching and it made the students enjoy learning more.</i>
Troy Hutchings	<i>The most enthusiastic teacher and really made me want to attend class and participate. Very, very good instructor!</i>
Troy Hutchings	<i>Very passionate teacher.</i>
Troy Hutchings	<i>Troy made me feel at home in the college of Education. He is very personable, knowledgeable, and excited about his department. He is an incredible professor that makes learning an enjoyable experience.</i>

Division of Student Services Total Number of Comments: 6

Early Childhood Education

Pam Powell	<i>Pam is very flexible and supportive, while providing excellent lectures and discussions that helped to enrich the classroom environment. In addition to attending one of her regular sessions, I am currently taking an on-line class with her. Pam continues to demonstrate personability with professionalism. She is by far the best professor I have encountered here at NAU.</i>
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Early Childhood Education Total Number of Comments: 1

Education

Jules Troyer	<i>She is an amazing person and mentor. I have her for Educational Psychology 352 and her instruction in this course has been so well-rounded. I really look up to her and think she brilliant.</i>
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Education Total Number of Comments: 1

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
Educational Leadership			
		Carol Lorek	<i>Ms. Lorek, and others like her in the college of Education are the reasons I decided to attend NAU. I was told that I would be best prepared by NAU faculty to become the kind of teacher I wanted to be. MS. Lorek helped me realize that this was indeed true and fed my desire to become a teacher.</i>
		Carol Lorek	<i>Ms. Lorek has instilled the positive frame of mind back into my life, and I feel as though I can move on successfully.</i>
		Carol Lorek	<i>She is always willing to help out her students and goes above and beyond the normal role of college professor. She gives her home number to students, is always available before, after, and outside of class and she is willing to talk to you about anything.</i>
		Ronda Beaman	<i>Even though she is now retired, she was one of the best teachers I have ever had. She got me excited to be a future teacher and really put things in perspective for me. Mrs. Beaman has so much energy that I looked forward to going to her class on Friday nights and Saturday mornings.</i>
		Ronda Beaman	<i>She was able to inspire me and show me a small part of what it is going to be like when I become a teacher. I almost feel bad for the new students that will never have Ronda as a teacher. She touched my life and showed me that there are some college professors that truly care about their students.</i>
		Ronda Beaman	<i>No comment but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.</i>
		Educational Leadership	Total Number of Comments: 6
Educational Psychology			
		Gypsy Denzine	<i>She is sooo nice.</i>
		Educational Psychology	Total Number of Comments: 1
Educational Specialties			
		Christopher Lanterman	<i>Chris is an outstanding teacher who is willing to go above and beyond for his students. He is informed about the current research regarding the field of education and he works to keep his students up-to-date as well.</i>
		Christopher Lanterman	<i>He challenged me and made me work for the grade I received. But also he's an excellent role model for over coming obstacles in order to succeed. If he can successfully teach classes with his circumstances, I can do anything having not circumstances.</i>
		J'Anne Affeld	<i>She has given me the encouragement to go after what I truly believe because she believes in me.</i>
		Educational Specialties	Total Number of Comments: 3
Educational Support Programs			
		Erin Grisham	<i>Helped me with all my paper work for college and was able to help me find other financial resources.</i>
		Educational Support Programs	Total Number of Comments: 1

Other

Colleen Rice *No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.*

Joan *She had helped cope with university life a little more also moral support.*

Many of the education *They are so friendly and willing to help!*

Other**Total Number of Comments: 3****Teaching and Learning**

Jeffery Bloom *I really respected how Professor Bloom conducted his class. He was extremely open minded and encouraged all his students to be as well.*

Jennifer Prior *Very positive teacher and actually gives you information that will help in the future.*

Sigmund Boloz *He has helped me realize that teaching is so important and truly made me excited to learn.*

Sigmund Boloz *He is an amazing teacher who cares deeply for each of his students. He always has the time to help and listen. He's what all teachers should be like!*

Trent Jacobs *He is very uplifting and an inspiring person to be around. I really enjoyed his class.*

Trent Jacobs *No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.*

Trent Jacobs *He is a great teacher, and he challenges me to think outside the box. I think because of him I will be a better teacher.*

Teaching and Learning**Total Number of Comments: 7****Total Number of Comments for College:****29**

Engineering & Natural Sciences

Percentage of Student Comments: 15%

Biology

Alice Gibb	<i>Gave me the opportunity to do undergraduate research in her lab.</i>
Alice Gibb	<i>She has really helped me get involved with undergraduate research and working in a real lab environment.</i>
Cheryl Dyer	<i>During my freshman year, Dr. Dyer helped to spike and maintain my interest and passion for biology by allowing me to play a large part in her lab. Even this year, she offers support and advice even though I am not really a part of her lab anymore.</i>
David Pierotti	<i>He helped me excel in my Anatomy class by being patient, understanding and working with me in a fair way to help me understand what I could work on. He truly is an amazing teacher and I feel that more teachers at NAU would find more success in their students if they followed his teaching techniques. He helped me to realize that there are teachers out there that really want to help their students and see them succeed in life.</i>
Jeffery Leid Jeffrey Leid	<i>Listen to my problems and was a great help in deciding what to do with discouragement! He's provided academic advising, support, and the chance to work in a lab as an undergraduate.</i>
Jeffrey Leid	<i>He was so excited about what he was teaching that it made me want to listen to something that I wasn't really very interested in.</i>
Paul Holmgren	<i>He has made learning fun and fascinating. His teaching style is easy to follow and clear. He is accommodating to our concerns and questions and eager to assist students.</i>
Ronald Markle	<i>He has been the best teacher that I have ever had during my academic experience. He is very knowledgeable about different topics that are taught in class. Also, he makes me think further than other professors.</i>
Ronald Markle	<i>As one of my first semester professors, he made me excited about the school and education in general. He is kind and has made perhaps the best impact on my life at NAU yet.</i>
Stephen Warburton	<i>He is one of the teachers that I had that made my learning experience very enjoyable. Very few of my teachers have been able to do that.</i>
Sylvester Allred	<i>He was an amazing professor that showed he cares about his students and making learning the material interesting and fun. He established healthy learning environments that made students want to be in class. He also helped answer any questions I had regarding my major and guided me in the right direction by telling me appropriate people to talk with.</i>
Sylvester Allred	<i>Positive reassurance to complete in what I have started and help me to make the decision in the major that I set forth, and saying definite yes on finishing with a BS.</i>
Sylvester Allred	<i>Dr. Allred made biology at 8 am bearable with his quirky personality. I actually enjoyed coming and learning. He always incorporated random, yet relevant, stories into his lectures.</i>

Biology **Total Number of Comments: 14**

Chemistry

Brandon Cruickshank	<i>He made class enjoyable. It made me actually want to attend class.</i>
Brandon Cruickshank	<i>I would have not decided to be a chem. major if his class would have not sparked my interest in chemistry.</i>
Brandon Cruickshank	<i>Sparked my interest in Chemistry and provided quality advising voluntarily. He really cared about my success and happiness as a student.</i>
Brandon Cruickshank	<i>I'm more interested and determined to learn the material of this instructor; he has opened my mind.</i>

Chemistry Total Number of Comments: 4

Civil & Environmental Eng.

Charlie Schlinger	<i>Provided me with good advice on my class scheduling and made himself available for any questions that I had. He also provided me the opportunity to work for him on a research project.</i>
Craig Roberts	<i>Fun environment combined with knowledge of subject matter and teaching skill makes for an excellent teacher.</i>
Craig Roberts	<i>He has given challenging but enjoyable and doable classes. He has a great way of thinking and relating the classes to the real world work place. He also can teach very effectively. He knows the subject matter and can convey the message in a way that I can understand.</i>

Civil & Environmental Eng. Total Number of Comments: 3

Computer Science

Patrick O'Leary	<i>He has been my professor for several CS courses & is always upbeat & excited for the day. He comes up with creative & interesting homework programs, and is almost always available to help students with any questions they have. He seems genuinely concerned with students progress.</i>
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Computer Science Total Number of Comments: 1

Construction Management

Stephen Mead	<i>Influencing me to get a CM degree.</i>
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Construction Management Total Number of Comments: 1

Environmental Sciences

Sally Evans	<i>Very positive.</i>
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Environmental Sciences Total Number of Comments: 1

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
Mathematics and Statistics			
		Amy Rushall	<i>She has helped me understand math better and I actually want to go to math because she is so willing to help me and other students out. She encourages us to stick with the topic until we fully understand and feel capable to move on; she is willing to walk us through it so that does happen! I strongly recommend Mrs. Rushall as a teacher!</i>
		Marcus Szwanikowski	<i>He was down to Earth with his teachings and made calculus a lot easier to grasp. I value his advice more than anyone in the entire " _____ " department.</i>
		Matt Fahy	<i>He makes every class very enjoyable and he is an excellent teacher. I have never walked out of his class being confused about anything.</i>
		Matt Fahy	<i>He makes math 114 fun. He comes up with his own examples for topics and explains them using simple language.</i>
		Michael Ratliff	<i>He we an incredibly fair teacher especially in such a difficult class, very understanding and wanted to see us do well. A very positive experience.</i>
		Michale Hull	<i>Helped me be successful in math which is very difficult for me, spent time helping me, encouraged, strengthened and plain out made a difference in my self esteem regarding math. He related to the class and made math fun and enjoyable for an 8:00 am class.</i>
		Terence Blows	<i>He's a great teacher, and focuses on instruction more than research or prestige.</i>
	Mathematics and Statistics	Total Number of Comments: 7	
Mechanical Engineering			
		Pamela Eibeck	<i>Unfortunately she isn't teaching here anymore, but she was among my favorite professors. She was so upbeat and enthusiastic every day. She made the topic so engaging and interesting. She was always encouraging and personally offered me positive feedback on several occasions. She was great.</i>
		Tom Acker	<i>Involved me in projects that allow me to get real world experience.</i>
	Mechanical Engineering	Total Number of Comments: 2	
Other			
		Bill Auberle	<i>He has befriended me and has helped me to explore my major and gain work experience.</i>
		J_____ B(uth?)	<i>I don't know what his name is, I have his signature on something that is all. Extremely helpful and understanding. advisor.</i>
		Other	Total Number of Comments: 2
Physics & Astronomy			
		Gus Hart	<i>Really knows his stuff and helps with any issue I run into.</i>
		Mark James	<i>He really wanted everyone to do well in his class. He made science fun and enjoyable. Always exciting and new to go to class.</i>
		Stephen C. Tegler	<i>He gives excellent lectures that are easy to understand while still challenging, and aids students as much as he is able from the first day to today, by telling us exactly what needs to</i>

be done to succeed, and is still able to help during office hours and recitation.

Mark James

I took his PHS 101 course. It was one of the best liberal studies classes I took, in fact it may have been the only good liberal studies course I took. Most teachers for the general classes like that don't care about them much and often times they are too good at a subject to know how to explain it to a beginner with no previous knowledge. However Dr. James does in class experiments as well as manages to involve the whole class (and it is a large lecture class). He also sets up lots of opportunities to ask questions in and out of class. His class made basic physics easy to understand and enjoy. I think I only missed one class all semester because I actually enjoyed attending his class and really felt like I was learning a lot from it.

Physics & Astronomy

Total Number of Comments: 4

Total Number of Comments for College: 39

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
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Other

Percentage of Student Comments: 9%

Athletics

Toni Perotti *He's been supportive, a good mentor, and helped me get through stressful periods.*

Athletic s Total Number of Comments: 1

Athletic Training

Mike Nesbitt *No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.*

Steve Johnson *Gave me more interest and guidance on what I should peruse*

Steve Johnson *He is so passionate about his profession, he influences us to think critically on our own, willing to help with anything we may need. He is always available for the students to reach him. His knowledge and love for teaching and practicing as an ATC gives so much input within the field and is very inspiring for us to follow what we believe in.*

Athletic Training Total Number of Comments: 3

Gateway Center

Christa Theilen *She was very encouraging and always had answers. She wanted to make sure that I had options and even if what I wanted was far fetched, she gave me ways and options of achieving what I want. I wish that I did not have to switch advisors.*

Todd Firth *Todd has helped me throughout my experience answering questions when others wouldn't take the time to go into detail. He has helped me more than anyone, and doesn't just care about my academics, but my life as well. Give that guy a raise or something cause he deserves it.*

Gateway Center Total Number of Comments: 2

Multicultural Student Center

Austin Shepard *He accepted me into the STAR Program. He also chose me to be a BF Scholar two years in a row. Financially he has helped a lot. He is there for me. I can talk to him when I need him and I feel he is one of the very few that understand me and other minority students attending NAU. If it were not for him I would not be here at NAU.*

Austin Shepard *Austin has encouraged me and lectured me to continue school even when I felt that I could no longer continue, he brought out a stride in me that no one I talked to could.*

Austin Shepard *He connected with me and where I come from which is from _____, Arizona during the STAR program. He gave me/others good advice and he still is to this day.*

Hilda Ladner *She accepted me into the STAR Program. She also chose me to be a BF Scholar two years in a row. Financially she has helped a lot. She is there for me. I can talk to her when I need her and I feel she is one of the very few that understand me and other minority students attending NAU. If it were not for her I would not be here at NAU.*

Multicultural Student Center Total Number of Comments: 4

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
	Native American Student Services		
		Catherine Talakte	<i>She has been very helpful and understanding. She is always willing to talk to me whenever I need someone to talk to.</i>
		Sharon Doctor	<i>She has always had the time to give me academic and personal advising.</i>
		Native American Student Services	Total Number of Comments: 2
	NAU Rec Center		
		Andrea Lopez	<i>She always has a positive attitude about everything and influences me to want to be the same way.</i>
		NAU Rec Center	Total Number of Comments: 1
	New Student Programs		
		Cindy Payne	<i>She has served as a mentor to me and many other students. She has helped me learn more about myself and the type of leader I am. Because of Cindy, I am a better and more successful person!</i>
		New Student Programs	Total Number of Comments: 1
	Office of Public Affairs		
		Isa Rueda	<i>Helps me cope with home sickness, provides meals for me when I have no money, opened her home to me, acts as a mother figure.</i>
		Office of Public Affairs	Total Number of Comments: 1
	Other		
			<i>The faculty/staff member's have been very friendly, available, and enormously helpful despite the administration.</i>
		Other	Total Number of Comments: 1
	Registrar's Office		
		Lisa Gibbs	<i>Lisa Gibbs has shown the professionalism with regards to my registration issues. She is always friendly and willing to help with support and encouragement.</i>
		Rosemary James	<i>She has encouraged me to keep going to school throughout all my triumphs.</i>
		Registrar's Office	Total Number of Comments: 2
	Residence Life		
		Christopher Elliott	<i>I am an RA in Tinsley Hall and he is my RHD. He taught my RA class last year and has been an excellent boss this year. He is always there for me to help me with whatever I might need. He has helped me academically, social, etc. and is always there for something. Therefore, I would like to say that Chris Elliott has significantly impacted my life here at NAU.</i>
		Gretchen Pooler	<i>Gretchen is one of the most amazing women that I have ever met, and is definitely the best supervisor that I've ever worked under. She is so encouraging and always willing to help you with anything that you need. I absolutely love her!!!</i>
		Residence Life	Total Number of Comments: 2

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
Student Support Services			
		Kevin Chase	<i>He had helped me cope with university life a little more, also moral support.</i>
	Student Support Services	Total Number of Comments: 1	
Unions and Student Activities			
		Beth Kulish	<i>She is always supportive and wants to help people succeed.</i>
	Unions and Student Activities	Total Number of Comments: 1	
Up ward Bound Program			
		Eliot Schipper	<i>He always encouraged me to keep going and not to give up and he believed in my ability to be a successful student. Also because they have always been there when I need advice and need help making a hard decision.</i>
	Up ward Bound Program	Total Number of Comments: 1	
Total Number of Comments for College:		23	

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Professional Schools & Colleges			
Percentage of Student Comments:		6%	
Forestry			
		Charles Hammersley	<i>Always there to help and guide through classes, work, and recreation activities.</i>
		Denver Hospodarsky	<i>He is great mentor. He is highly involved in clubs and organizations. He will always listen to you and is a good friend.</i>
		Pam Foti	<i>She's a positive helper and professor. Encourages me and helps with problems with classes.</i>
		Forestry	Total Number of Comments: 3
Health Professions			
		Chunhye Lee	<i>I took Dr. Lee's NTS 256 as an elective during my second semester up here, and it convinced me to go into the health industry. Her course was the most challenging, and yet the most interesting class I have ever taken. I would take more nutrition classes from her if she had any. BRING BACK THE NUTRITION MAJOR!</i>
		Chunhye Lee	<i>No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.</i>
		Chunhye Lee	<i>Helping to understand how everything is involved with chemistry, anatomy, physics, and nutrition.</i>
		Gary Dunagan	<i>He is quite possibly one of the nicest and most helpful advisors I've ever met.</i>
		Gary Dunagan	<i>He has helped me find enjoyable classes that help me achieve my academic goals. I really enjoy him as a teacher and an advisor. He makes class very fun and interesting.</i>
		Linda Jerome	<i>Helped fix my schedule every single time I have met with her.</i>
		Roger Bounds	<i>He is a great professor. I love his teaching style and have learned so much in two of his classes. I feel he creates a more personal relationship with his classes and has a vast knowledge in health professions.</i>
		Health Professions	Total Number of Comments: 7
Hotel & Restaurant Mgmt			
		Christine Jaszay	<i>She is an excellent teacher and advisor. She is a warm person and cares deeply for her students and her job. She helped me to move in the right direction as for signing up for classes.</i>
		Christine Jaszay	<i>She has taught us exactly what will happen in our career with no sugar coating. She has advised us with exactly what is needed to complete our degree in the right timing and the right "way" for the best experience.</i>
		Christine Jaszay	<i>She makes her class exciting and makes all the students laugh. It appears to be important to her that her students enjoy the classes they are taking and that they do not get bored during class. She has a good sense of humor and wants to have fun with the students. I switched to her for my advisor and the first meeting I had with her she had pretty much planned out my remaining three semesters here at NAU and told me which classes to take; no other advisor has helped me that much before. She made it clear to me that I need to check in with her throughout the semester to make sure everything is going okay and that I am doing well in my classes. I feel that she is really</i>

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			<i>concerned with my progress and wants to make sure that I am not having any problems; with school or any other problems in my life. She said that whenever we need to talk to someone, about anything that we can come to her and that really helps you feel like she really cares about us and our progress in life.</i>
		Christine Jaszay	<i>Words of encouragement, talking to her just makes you feel good and I just liked her the first day I had taken the food service course back in the fall of 2003. Her lectures just held your attention, and I never got bored.</i>
		Julene Boger	<i>She was not only a mentor but she was always available when I needed her just to listen. She dose not only care about the students academic life but also their personnel life as well. She was the only facility member that reached out to me.</i>
		Lloyd Shelton	<i>He treated me like a real person, and was there to help me whenever I needed and also helped me to see what I really wanted to do with my life.</i>
		Hotel & Restaurant Mgmt	Total Number of Comments: 6

Total Number of Comments for College: 16

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
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Social & Behavioral Sciences

Percentage of Student Comments: 27%

Advising

Matt Pavich	<i>Has made scheduling of classes easy, and has greatly benefited me in my academic checklist</i>
Matt Pavich	<i>Offered a lot of support in helping me on my way to obtain my degree. He gave a lot of information to assist me in this time.</i>
Pam Stinson	<i>She is an excellent advisor and goes out of her way to help students.</i>
Pam Stintson	<i>No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.</i>

Advising

Total Number of Comments: 4

Anthropology

Cathy Small	<i>She was an extraordinary UC101 professor. She had us do activities that inspired me to choose the major I now have and helped me adapt myself into the new college environment.</i>
George Gumerman	<i>He has helped so much with my advising and has been very friendly and kind to me, addressing all of my academic needs.</i>
Rebecca Small	<i>She has taught me a lot and provided a positive atmosphere in the class room. I never want to miss her class.</i>
Scot Antes	<i>Helped me to want to study by making it fun and interesting.</i>
Scott Antes	<i>He is an amazing teacher, he just made me feel so comfortable while I was in his class.</i>
Scott Antes	<i>Dr. Antes is extremely enthusiastic and compassionate about the cultures we have studied. He has been exceptionally approachable and accommodating.</i>
Scott Antes	<i>He has made learning fun. I am not even an Anthropology major nor do I need more liberal studies but I am taking a second class from him because he is fun and I learn a lot.</i>
Scott Antes	<i>He is just a cool teacher.</i>
Scott Antes	<i>He was an amazing professors that show they care about their students and making learning the material interesting and fun. He established healthy learning environments that made students want to be in class. He also helped answer any questions I had regarding my major and guided me in the right direction by telling me appropriate people to talk with.</i>
Scott Antes	<i>Antes is the most caring, productive, and insightful professor I have ever had. He not only cares deeply about his students, but he strives to make his courses challenging but low in stress and high in enjoyment. I have never learned so much from a class teacher. I have taken 3 of his classes and have been blown away by the care, thoughtfulness, and accurately which they were carried out.</i>
Scott Antes	<i>He is a good and friendly teacher as are most of the teachers in the Anthropology department and College of Business.</i>

Anthropology

Total Number of Comments: 11

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
	Communication		
		Astrid Sheil	<i>She gave great motivation and even insight into her own life and career choices making me want to get my degree that much more!!</i>
		Dale Hoskins	<i>Academic advisor& helped me understand what classes I needed.</i>
		Gayle Houser	<i>Goes above and beyond in her classes especially in the pilot section of UC101 (Fall 2003). Additionally, a year and a half later, she still remembers who I am.</i>
		Gayle Houser	<i>No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.</i>
		Gayle Howser	<i>She was a wonderful professor who taught a difficult course but was always very encouraging and willing to make time after class to help out students.</i>
		Lea Parker	<i>Has directed me in a way where I can use my skills and develop my skills to not only be successful here at NAU, but also in the real world.</i>
		Manny Romero	<i>Taking his intro to advertising class made me want to minor in advertising.</i>
		Manny Romero	<i>Has just been very supportive, takes the time to get to know students on a personal level, just a great man.</i>
		Manny Romero	<i>No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.</i>
		Paul Helford	<i>No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.</i>
		Paul Helford	<i>They were all great (but especially Helford)!</i>
		Peter Schwepker	<i>Been there for me when I felt I wasn't doing very well. Supported me in my decisions. Helped guide me towards making good decisions about my classes and been a great friend.</i>
		Robert Barraclough	<i>Professor Barraclough has been incredibly helpful, motivating, and inspirational. He has pushed me to expand my horizons, has helped me in many areas of my college experience, and has been a wonderful professor.</i>

Communication Total Number of Comments: 13

Criminal Justice

		Alexander Alvarez	<i>He showed me, when I was in my worst state, that he cared and wouldn't give up until I completely understood</i>
		Alexander Alvarez	<i>He is the most caring and easy to talk to professor that I have encountered at this university thus far.</i>
		Michael Costelloe	<i>He has been available for conferences regarding his class and has always been very understanding and helpful.</i>
		Susan Hannon	<i>She is not only a great professor but also a great advisor</i>
		Susan Hannon	<i>She helped me adapt to college classes by showing me what to do to be successful.</i>
		Susan Hannon	<i>She's shown me that learning can be fun as well as informative. As cliché as that sounds.</i>

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
		Thomas Streed	<i>The best teacher ever! Makes everything interesting. Makes me want to come to class!</i>
	Criminal Justice		Total Number of Comments: 7
	Photography		
		Sam Minkler	<i>He has provided me with the tools and insight to constantly improve my photography and my Character</i>
	Photography		Total Number of Comments: 1
	Political Science		
		Amy Gould	<i>Academically, she has challenged me and taught me how to critically think and read. She genuinely cares about her students.</i>
		Carol Thompson	<i>I feel Professor Thompson's class is the one where I have learned the most throughout my experience at NAU.</i>
		David Schlosberg	<i>Excellent teaching.</i>
		Harriet Young	<i>No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.</i>
		Joel Olsen	<i>Excellent teaching.</i>
		Joel Olson	<i>Always willing to talk; very supportive-both generally and academically; Thorough understanding of subject's taught; charismatic in classroom.</i>
		Joel Olson	<i>His course assignments have made me changed my poor studying habits, and I am more excited to going to everyone of his classes.</i>
		Mark Montoy	<i>No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.</i>
	Political Science		Total Number of Comments: 8
	Psychology		
		Constance Smith	<i>Provided an excellent, thought provoking learning environment and also providing great advisement. This professor is very kind and friendly, and I have enjoyed her class a great deal.</i>
		Every professor	<i>Great teachers always there to help.</i>
		Laurie Dickson	<i>I had Professor Dickson for my developmental psychology course, and it has been my favorite course thus far. She really made an effort to know all of us by name even though our class was relatively large. I also really liked the way she taught the course. It was very easy for me to follow along and understand the concepts.</i>
		Lesley Fox	<i>Open, friendly, very willing to give time to help</i>

Lesley Fox	<i>She has taught me that learning is a vital part of our lives and she was very devoted and dedicated to her class and her teachings. She always had time for me outside of class and she made learning fun and interesting in the classroom. I rarely missed a class because I enjoyed them so much. She is a wonderful teacher and I hope I get the opportunity to work with someone like her in the future.</i>
Lesley Fox	<i>She is a wonderful instructor and she makes every student feel individual and special to her. I learned great lessons from her and so much more. For instance, I learned the proper way to write a paper and how to interact with people in and out of the classroom for a good environment. She is by far the best administrator at NAU.</i>
Lesley Fox	<i>No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.</i>
Mike Devoley	<i>He was an amazing professor that showed he cared about his students and making learning the material interesting and fun. He established healthy learning environments that made students want to be in class. He also helped answer any questions I had regarding my major and guided me in the right direction by telling me appropriate people to talk with.</i>
Mike Devoley	<i>I'm more interested and determined to learn the material of this instructor; he has opened my mind.</i>
Mike Devoley	<i>He has opened up my mind to many an idea. He has debunked stereotypes, and changed his classes' view on many prejudices.</i>
Stephen Funk	<i>He has made my classes fun and made me want to go to class. That is quite an accomplishment. He has made my learning experience pleasant and if not for him I would not likely be here.</i>
Sumner Sydeman	<i>I really enjoyed his class and he helped convince me to become a PSY major.</i>
William Gibson	<i>He goes out of his way to ensure the understanding of material for all of his students.</i>

Psychology**Total Number of Comments: 13****Sociology & Social Work**

Doug Degher	<i>I found SOC 101 to be very boring, but while taking SOC 210 with Dr. Degher, I found that not all of my future Sociology classes would be boring. He really made students think critically about theory, and had us apply it to current events. I think he did a better job of explaining what sociology IS, than my 101 professor did.</i>
James Reed	<i>Jim and I are really close, he is like my dad. He is one of my best teacher friends!</i>
James Reed	<i>They both have made my classes fun and made me want to go to class. That is quite an accomplishment. They have made my learning experience pleasant and if not for them I would not likely be here.</i>
James Reed	<i>Dr. Reed has always been a professor I can go to and moan about anything that's bothering me and he also is an invaluable source of knowledge.</i>
Janine Minkler	<i>I love the way she organizes her class and the assignments. Her assignments allow me to think more critically and creatively than I have ever had to before. Her class is very involving and interactive. She is very willing to give one on one help to each student. I look forward to her class every week.</i>

College	Department	Faculty Name	Reason
		Kooros Mahmoudi	<i>Has supported me in many ways.</i>
		Kooros Mahmoudi	<i>Kooros has been an excellent teacher, and while his class has just been for a liberal studies credit, I have enjoyed it immensely.</i>
		Mary Damskey	<i>She was my advisor and she was amazing at helping me set up my schedule. when I told her I wanted to transfer, she helped me pick out classes that would transfer smoothly. She made it clear that she wanted me to stay, which was very nice. She's great!</i>
		Rebecca Garrison	<i>She has been a great support academically and personally, and she has been a great academic advisor in making sure that my needs are met.</i>
		Richard Skeen	<i>He has made me think more critically about society's impact and situations.</i>
		Richard Skeen	<i>Opened my mind.</i>
		Sociology & Social Work	Total Number of Comments: 11
	Women's Studies		
		Kendra Birnley	<i>Kendra is extremely knowledgeable in her field of study as well as personable.</i>
		Naomi Pinion	<i>She has shown me that hard work pays off; she has helped me make the decision to declare a Gender Focus in my program; excellent person to talk to.</i>
		Women's Studies	Total Number of Comments: 2
		Total Number of Comments for College:	70

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Undergraduate Studies

Percentage of Student Comments: 3%

Honors

Arthur Wilson	<i>Art has really opened my eyes in a variety of aspects. He is a great instructor and I feel that every learning institution needs to have at least one person as resourceful and intelligent as Art. I could not have asked for a better Honor's instructor and would like to see him teaching more courses if he was up to the task.</i>
Arthur Wilson	<i>His class is very informative and builds the skills needed to find interrelationships between different areas of life.</i>
Bruce Fox	<i>He taught a class that was fun and interesting, and he helped me feel involved in the class, as well as acknowledging me as a person.</i>
Bruce Fox	<i>He is a great teacher, very helpful and always willing to meet with you after class. Also, he is an awesome director of the Honors Department, willing to talk with me whenever I needed guidance or some direction. Also, he is very personable and encouraging.</i>
Ellen Riek	<i>Professor Riek was my Honors 190 and 191 teacher. She improved my writing 100% and also helped me outside of class. She recommended me for two different jobs and helped me get a scholarship. She is a wonderful person and a great asset to NAU.</i>
Lynn Gardner	<i>She is just an amazing professor who is generally interested in the students.</i>
Lynn Gardner	<i>Has taken the time to ask students for creative criticism and appears to be genuinely concerned with student opinions and student progress.</i>
Lynn Gardner	<i>No comment, but listed as positively influencing the students experience at NAU.</i>

Honors

Total Number of Comments: 8

Total Number of Comments for College: 8

Total Number of Student Comments Recorded: 259