

Dr. Kaelin Lee nominating

# Dr. Jennifer Groman

This letter is in support of nominating Dr. Jennifer Groman for the Mentor Award. Our mentor relationship began in early 2019, when the former dean of College of Education paired us together for some of the “wrap around” events for the Summer Institute. This collaboration was perfect because it tied in with Dr. Groman’s PhD dissertation about teacher burnout and my own doctoral study on mindfulness. It also helped that our offices were next to each other! Not only did we successfully lead mindfulness events at our satellite campuses in Independence and Columbus, but it also led to the development of online workshops over the summer of 2020, when the pandemic had set in.

Dr. Groman’s contributions to my academic success cannot be understated. I would not have the title of Dr. Lee without Dr. Groman serving on my dissertation committee, but also serving as my mentor for my Mentorship Project that took a year to come together. On a personal level, Dr. Groman has been a true friend when others turned away, and I know I would not be a compassionate Graduate Academic Advisor without her mentorship and advice drawn from her Masters in Transpersonal Psychology.

The specific impact Dr. Groman had on my progress at the university is reflected in my doctoral coursework and the culminating dissertation. She has been a part of the university for decades, not only as a professor, but also as a student herself. She has also transformed the Gifted and Talented program, making it one of the most successful and profitable, all while moving the program online well before the pandemic mandated it. Dr. Groman is a true asset to Ashland University, and my life would not be the same without her.

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