

Sharon Scott nominating **Dr. Jennifer Groman**

My Name is Sharon Scott, I am a Master's student, majoring in Gifted Education. I am writing this letter because I would like to nominate Dr. Jennifer Groman for the Mentor Award at Ashland University. I started the Master's program at Ashland University in 2019. When I first had Dr. Groman as a professor, I didn't realize she would be part of the many courses I would take. I found myself thinking, "Oh I hope I get Dr. Groman as an instructor this semester." Dr. Groman has a wonderful way of earning your respect to want to learn, succeed, and accomplish your life's goals. As a more mature graduate student, I was apprehensive to start my master's degree. Dr. Groman has such a warm and encouraging personality that helps you believe you can do it. When COVID-19 hit in 2020, it shocked us all! I had a hard time logging into Blackboard and facing my assignments. She had so much patience and encouraged me that I could do it. Her assignments are educational and attainable with a flair of creativity. When I would check out and get discouraged she would check in with me on how I was doing. Her encouraging words have helped me get through these couple of years to keep pressing on even when life takes over and it's hard to focus on school work. As I look through my e-mails I see many words from Dr. Groman, don't worry, resubmit for more points, you'll have your master's before you know it, and many more. Since beginning my teaching career in 1994, I am in my 15th year of teaching visual arts in Ohio, with taking some years off to stay home with my children. I would like to someday become a gifted consultant or specialist in gifted and Dr. Groman has helped me get there. I would like to recommend Dr. Groman for this prestigious award because she has always been a means of support to me as well as educating me. Dr. Groman made me feel capable and that I could finish my degree even when I would doubt myself. I'm in my last semester of my Master's at Ashland and when I saw the e-mail about this award I knew I had to nominate Dr. Groman and I'm sure I'm not the only one.

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