

My name is Lindsay Cavin and I am writing to provide you with information regarding my position here at Louisiana Tech University. I have also included three letters of reference endorsing my nomination for the Student Outreach Award. I am one of the Coordinators of Student Development for the Department of Residential Life. In my time in Residential Life, I have learned a lot about myself, our students and how to better serve our university. Some of my experiences with students include supervision, mentoring and just trying to be there for them through difficult times. I wear a lot of hats as most of us do. One of the hats that I wear is to coordinate with our First Year Resident Assistants in planning programs for our first year residents. In addition to planning programs for our first year students, we also ensure that our first year RAs are meeting to identify any needs those first year residents may have.

My most significant role as a coordinator is to work directly with the student staff. There are roughly 25 Resident Assistants and Hall Directors under my direct supervision. Throughout my time, I have developed strong relationships with my staff. We have shared a lot of laughter as well as a few tears from the experiences those students have shared with me. I feel like my role provides a natural opportunity to really invest in our students. I consider it an honor that so many of my students feel connected enough to me, to allow me to share and celebrate in their successes as well as to offer guidance and counseling in times of struggle. My goal in working with these students is to help mold them into the leaders and mentors that I needed when I was student here at Louisiana Tech.

We advocate in Student Affairs about making Louisiana Tech “home”, I love helping our students transition into making this place that “home”. I’m incredibly passionate about serving our students and families. As a third generation Bulldog, I want to make sure that I am modeling the Louisiana Tech experience. I am incredibly lucky to be a part of this campus community. I enjoy watching these students attempt to create that same community that made Louisiana Tech my home all those years ago.

In conclusion, I never expected to gain so much from these students. I knew that it would be a great opportunity to work at my Alma Mater but I could never imagine the impact that these students would make on my life. I cry “proud mom tears” when my students make OSL, get selected to represent us on Homecoming Court, serve Residential Life through SGA, make the final out at their intramural game and walk across that stage to shake Dr. Guice’s hand at graduation.

It is an incredible honor to be nominated for this award. I would consider this one of my greatest professional accomplishments because receiving the award demonstrates that I had a positive impact on our students. Without our students, our University could not exist and investing in our students is not a responsibility that I take lightly. Thank you for your time and consideration of my nomination.



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April 24, 2018

Selection Committee for the Student Outreach Award  
Louisiana Tech University  
Ruston, LA 71272

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to recommend Lindsay Cavin for the Student Outreach Award. I have had the privilege of working with Lindsay for several years at Louisiana Tech University. In Lindsay's position in Residential Life, she is a supervisor and mentor to the student resident assistants and hall directors, who live and work in the residence halls and apartments. Because Lindsay and her family live on campus, she takes advantage of this opportunity to spend many hours during the workday, evenings, and weekends, building strong relationships with the student staff and residents. She exemplifies the kindness, caring, and commitment that Louisiana Tech expects of its staff. The students genuinely believe that Lindsay cares about them and their life.

Louisiana Tech houses 2,500 students, and approximately 72% of these students are in their first year of college. Research shows that the first year of college is a critical time for students in transitioning from home to college and being successful in all walks of college life. Lindsay goes above and beyond to help the first year students have a successful transition by providing programs, resources, and her personal time. She develops relationships with them so they know they can come to her with problems and issues. Lindsay also works very well with her colleagues in Student and Academic Affairs in order to provide a wide variety of resources across department lines to help students be successful.

If you would like to talk to me personally about Lindsay, you may reach me at 318-257-2445.

Sincerely,

Dickie Crawford  
Assistant Vice President for Student Advancement

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Friday, April 20, 2018


To Whom It May Concern,

It is my privilege to recommend Mrs. Lindsay Cavin for the Student Outreach Award. Having worked for the Department of Residential Life, I have had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Cavin a little better than most.

In my almost three years of working with Mrs. Cavin, I have witnessed her guide, serve, and lead students in multiple capacities. From overseeing programs for Resident Assistants, to leading meetings for Hall Directors, to being a warm place for students to consult in her office, she has made many efforts to interact and best serve students here at Louisiana Tech University.

Mrs. Cavin truly supports students as she is welcoming to new students, supportive to current students, and encouraging to graduated students. I cannot think of a better candidate for the Student Outreach Award.

Ever Loyal Be,



Victoria Hardy, Hall Director/Apartment Manager of Legacy Park



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DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE / HOUSING

April 23, 2018

Members of the University Senate:

I am writing to recommend Mrs. Lindsay Cavin for the Louisiana Tech University's Student Outreach Award. In the time Mrs. Cavin has been employed with Residential Life, she has made it a priority to build meaningful relationships with students both in and out of the typical workweek. Most days her office is filled with students who visit simply because they know her office is a fun, supportive atmosphere. She goes above and beyond making students feel as though they are part of the Tech family and has invited many to dine with and spend holiday time with her own family, while she has lived on campus. For example, this past Easter the Cavin family cooked lunch for the Residential Life staff members that could not be at home for the holiday and filled Harper's lounge with lots of laughter.

If she becomes aware that a student is having a rough day or needs motivation for an upcoming exam, she sends a note of encouragement and sometimes even a small "thinking of you" gift. Being a mentor to our residents and resident assistant staff is of utmost importance to her and she is always looking for ways to cheer them on in their college journey. Her welcoming and bubbly personality causes students to feel at home in sharing personal successes, failures and life lessons. All of these examples may seem tiny and insignificant in the big scheme of things, but Ms. Cavin has made great strides during her tenure to create a campus community that celebrates "the small victories" as she has said many times. Her steadfast attitude to walk alongside students during what could be a difficult transition is admirable and is making a great impact on the lives of the students we serve.

Mrs. Cavin is a candidate worthy of consideration and acknowledgement for this meaningful award. If I can be of greater assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at [casey@latech.edu](mailto:casey@latech.edu) or 318-257-4917. Thank you for time and consideration!

TECHnically Yours,

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