



LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION
AND LEADERSHIP

To: University Senate Committee

Date: April 30, 2021

I am honored that I have been nominated for the Student Outreach Award at Louisiana Tech University. Currently, I am employed as a staff member in the College of Education, Curriculum, Instruction, and Leadership Department.

My position is Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), Program Coordinator/ Advisor. My primary role is meeting regularly with the MAT faculty and department chair to engage in continuous conversations about best practices for the clinical internship experiences. I am the instructor of the required three-quarter course, EDCI 516 Clinical Internship Residency, for the MAT candidates.

As the instructor, I develop materials and learning experiences by providing opportunities for the MAT candidates to engage in reflective practice to support the integration of theory and methods learned in their coursework. I provide resources and assist in problem solving any issues or challenges that may arise in the context of their clinical internship experiences. I advise MAT candidates each quarter by using their specific plan of study to assist them in the best path to take to complete the MAT program. In addition, I build and maintain relationships with the district, school leaders, and mentor teachers to help support the MAT candidates. The College of Education uses the Danielson Framework for Teaching Tool to assess teacher candidates. I conduct evaluations on each MAT candidate and give constructive feedback.

My professional experiences prior to Louisiana Tech University were in PK-12 education as a classroom teacher, school leader/principal and district leader/superintendent. A major component of a school leader's job is to improve teacher quality. As the MAT Program Coordinator/Advisor, I want all the MAT candidates to become great teachers. I understand from personal experiences that learning to teach is a process that takes time, patience, and a lot of work. My philosophy for supporting teachers is having an open-door policy. I encourage the MAT candidates to discuss concerns or to seek advice at any time. I am an active listener who encourages, gives constructive criticism, and gives suggestions when appropriate. I have enclosed copies of reference letters for review.

Respectfully submitted,

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MAT Program Coordinator/Advisor

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to highly recommend Dr. Patsy Hughey for the student outreach nomination. As a Graduate Assistant in the department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education, I work closely with Dr. Hughey on a broad range of daily tasks. I have worked with her since August of 2020, and since then I have come to understand her deep care for student success in the MAT program.

More importantly I have witnessed Dr. Hughey's compassion for individual student circumstances and how she consistently dedicates herself to supporting each student with resources. Moreover, her dedication is one of her most valuable assets and it continuously extends past her office hours and technical job description.

On more than one occasion I have been the recipient of Dr. Hughey's kindness and dedication. Without her, I would not have been as successful in my position as a Graduate Assistant nor in my academics. She challenges me, has taught me the value of strong leadership, and has shown me that when you care for each student as an individual, no matter their grade or age, that students are more successful overall.

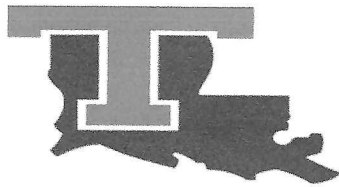
I can think of nobody else more deserving of this nomination than Dr. Hughey. She embodies student outreach as she deeply cares for each student as an individual and the fruit of that genuine care is supporting students through both life challenges and academics.

Many blessings,

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation in support of Dr. Patsy Hughey for the Senate Student Outreach Award.

Dr. Hughey goes above and beyond for her students. She genuinely cares for their success and pushes them to achieve their full potential.

Dr. Hughey always greets everyone with a smile and a pleasant attitude. Her tenacity and dedication is admired by her colleagues and students. She often arrives early and leaves late to make sure things are done with excellence.

I recommend Dr. Hughey for this prestigious honor without reservation. She deserves this and more for all of her hard work and commitment to Louisiana Tech University.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
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April 28, 2021

Dear Louisiana Tech Faculty Senate Members,

I am writing on behalf of Doctor Patsy Hughey. I returned to middle school teaching in 2019 after spending 10 years in Early Childhood Education. After my very first conversation with Dr. Hughey during the summer of 2019, I knew that I wanted to attend the MAT program at Louisiana Tech. I had spoken with other professors at nearby colleges and universities; however, no one was as passionate, encouraging, and caring as Dr. Hughey. She promptly returned my calls and patiently fielded my questions. Any hesitancy or apprehension I felt about going back to school was quickly quelled by her encouragement and gentle reassurance.

Throughout my internship coursework, Dr. Hughey has been unequivocally supportive and always available to assist. She is firm and fair, providing consistency and rigor, while promptly attending to students' needs. Her positivity is contagious and her concern for students' well-being and academic endeavors is unparalleled. She empathizes with the stresses and challenges of the first year of teaching while promoting persistence and championing successes, both large and small. Her commitment to excellence and dedication to advancing the profession is clearly demonstrated.

Simply put, Dr. Hughey is the reason I chose Louisiana Tech, why I would choose it again, and why I recommend the University and this program to other educators. I am honored to write this letter. Dr. Hughey is most deserving of the 2020-2021 Student Outreach Award.

Respectfully,

Maura L. Bihler

Graduate Student- MAT program

To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. Hughey has been one of the most helpful and most supportive professors I have ever had. She has guided me through the program at Tech with leadership and support. I remember the first day I talked to her. I was contemplating on whether or not I should start teaching or if I should stick to accounting. She took the time to listen to me tell her how I always wanted to teach. She explained the program and has stood by my side since day one. She has prayed for me, cried with me, talked with me through struggles, and supported me in every decision I have made. If it weren't for her caring about me, I would've quit my dream of being a teacher. She has pushed and talked me through every issue, struggle and problem I have had. She has been the rock I needed to be able to complete the program in a year. I owe everything to her and I cannot thank her enough for all that she has done for me. From day one she has been there for me. I know I can call on her for anything. She is everything in a teacher I inspire to be. She is more than deserving of the Student Outreach award.

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