

Relationship Excellence Nomination Example:

In one to two paragraphs describe how the nominee demonstrates these characteristic traits on a regular basis. Please give a specific example (project, event, etc.) of how the nominee exemplifies Relationship Excellence:

There are several ways in which Cristina demonstrates relationship excellence. The first is in her collaborations with internal YC departments, and the second is in her relationships with community partners. First and foremost, Cristina is one of the most caring people you will ever meet. Her passion for her students and making sure no student is left behind or forgotten inspires others on her team and department. Cristina is always checking in on the team and how she can help others. When someone is having a challenging day, she is the first one to jump into action by offering a helping hand, a kind card, or a coffee/treat to make the person smile.

Outside of YC, Cristina's work with her high school partners is incredible to watch. When visiting the schools as her supervisor, they always compliment how wonderful she is. Cristina has even expanded her network but reaching out to charter schools that are not active with YC and helping them get on board with CTED and Concurrent Enrollment. Since her three years, she has brought at least five charter schools on board. Cristina always includes the schools' opinions in her feedback and provides excellent service and partnership to the high schools.

At YC Cristina has been collaborating on several projects, most recently, the Transfer Fair. Cristina humbly told me that it was a team effort and she was so lucky to work on this event and learn from others. When I spoke with another person on the committee, they told me how integral Cristina was in planning the transfer fair and that without her new ideas and energy into the event, it would not have been as successful as it was.

Cristina also goes above and beyond her advising role to assist students and high school partners. Cristina recently has been working with the Mural/Havasupai Internet Project as well as working with the project manager of the Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority. Through these two projects, Cristina has been following-up on the completion of the Peach Springs portion of the project since that will benefit the students at Seligman (high school). Cristina wrote me an email letting me know and she stated "This is exciting news for the Seligman students of Peach Springs! I offered to connect her organization to ensure all students are able to receive Internet service." If students at Seligman have better access to the internet, this not only helps them with their high school work but would also allow them to have access to the various online courses at YC.

How has this person inspired Relationship Excellence among their peers or with you?

Through Cristina's excitement and energy other members of the Promise and Early College Team have been inspired to join other cross-advising committees as well as volunteer at campus events. Cristina is also involved in the new advisor training process and providing mentorship to the new employees. Cristina is a role model that advisors now are seeing as the leader is truly is!

Learning Excellence Nomination Example:

In one to two paragraphs describe how the nominee demonstrates these characteristic traits on a regular basis. Please give a specific example (project, event, etc.) of how the nominee exemplifies Learning Excellence:

All YC faculty has had a uniquely hard situation taking what is normally in person classes and converting to the online platform. Mrs. Ritter has endlessly found ways to keep the learning environment interactive by placing polls, doing case studies, presenting slides, showing videos, and asking us questions constantly throughout class. She takes time to make sure we truly understand the information being given to us, not only covering the objectives for the class but expanding into information we need to build on in future semesters. She teaches in a manner that allows every type of learning preference to engage. She keeps things interactive, visual, auditory and applies what we learned to real life scenarios.

Mrs. Ritter keeps an environment where we are not afraid to ask questions, ensuring no question we ask is stupid. She encourages us to work together and collaborate, to be each others resource. I have truly retained more from this class then I have ever been able to. Mrs. Ritter has an organized class, with clear expectations and she will do everything in her power to ensure we are understanding what she is presenting. My cohort is truly sad to not have her again in proceeding semesters.

COVID has made our learning environment challenging, we have a class that is best taught in person being taught online. Mrs. Ritter has not let that stop her class from being interactive and keeping us engaged. As stated before she uses every form of learning engagement and pulls them into each class.

How has this person inspired Learning Excellence among their peers or with you?

Mrs. Ritter has encouraged us to become critical thinkers, to look at the whole picture and know the processes of what disease we are looking at. She encourages full engagement in the class, and asks questions about the subject she just presented, analyzing our understanding. She never ends a class without assurance we are understanding what we have been taught. When we seem unsure, she takes additional time and resources to explain in different manners. Having Mrs. Ritter available on the weekends to answer a quick text or email, to bounce questions off of and to encourage us has been life changing. She is truly a teacher that makes a difference, and we are so grateful to have been taught by her.

Service Excellence Nomination Example:

In one to two paragraphs describe how the nominee demonstrates these characteristic traits on a regular basis. Please give a specific example (project, event, etc.) of how the nominee exemplifies Service Excellence:

Barrett has been a constant positive influence on helping me to become ready with the online and WebLive components of my course. Throughout this 2020 academic year Barrett has been encouraging, supportive, and available when needed. I commend the entire TeLS team for their efforts, but it is Barrett with who I have had the most involvement.

Barrett has taken my questions eagerly and has gotten to know how I instruct and offered suggestions on what I might apply in the format that we are using. Barrett freely provided his cell phone number for me so that I may contact him as needed. I know that if there is a technical problem to fix, I can rely on Barrett's experience and readiness. Having Barrett's expertise and service is like having the "Bat Signal" available: "whenever a technical crime is about in the city you can call on... Barrett!"

When we initially moved from a Face to Face format and went online Barrett was immediately listening to the numerous problems and fielding solutions on them. One of the issues I've had was how to show certain video clips of relevant science documentaries in the Canvas format. Before I would've simply placed a short clip onto the room DVD player, but this was no longer available. Barrett kindly took and copied each video for use on the Panopto system. Not only does this system work, but I feel that I will continue to use this format when I am back in a Face to Face class. Barrett has not only assisted me in this regard, but has placed an entire Canvas shell of "Weird Science" Panopto videos for Steve Sparks, Chris Dunn, and myself. Barrett has proven himself, time and again, to be a great asset to the Science Department and our instruction.

How has this person inspired Service Excellence among their peers or with you?

It has been a pleasure to work with Barrett and to gain a great appreciation for what the entire TeLS department has been doing to support our instructional excellence. I now see another integral level of support and service to students and faculty which I was largely unaware of before this rapid transition to an online teaching format. I believe that a large part of our outreach and teaching success in this format has been due to Barrett and the rest of the TeLS team.