



Teaching and Learning Center

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Cyndi Rickards, Associate Teaching Professor
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Dear Dr. Rickards,

Congratulations! You have received a Thank a Teacher note from one of your students.

Through the Thank a Teacher program, students convey how instructors like you have made a *Drexel Difference* in their academic experience. Below is the note that your student submitted highlighting the positive impact you have had.

Prof. Rickards may be one of the most impactful professors I have had during my time at Drexel. I had her for a number of classes, some community-based, that focused on the concept of justice in a variety of ways. Through these classes, I feel as though my world view was challenged. Prof. Rickards taught me how to navigate the complexities of lived experience and how they collide with various facets of society. She helped me learn about my own place in the world and how I can use my platform to be a champion for a safe, clean, and equitable society. Lastly, she showed me that a big world is really not that big, and that we as people are interconnected by the struggles we face and that we can use that connection for the greater good. I owe so much of the person I am to Prof. Rickards and cannot thank her enough for preparing me to tackle an ever-changing world.
~ Jarod Watson

We appreciate your contribution to the academic and personal development of Drexel's students.

Sincerely,

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