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Dear TAA Awards Committee,

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Dr. Christine Harrington for the TAA Author Mentoring Award. Dr. Harrington is an exceptional mentor who has made a profound and sustained impact on the professional development and academic success of numerous students, including myself.

I had the privilege of working closely with Dr. Harrington during my dissertation process while she was a professor and coordinator of the doctoral program in Community College Leadership at New Jersey City University, where she served as my mentor. From the outset, she established a structured and supportive mentoring approach, helping me to set clear timelines and engaging in weekly check-ins that provided both accountability and encouragement. Her thoughtful and detailed feedback on my writing not only improved the quality of my work but also helped me develop as a scholarly writer.

Beyond supporting the completion of our academic milestones, Dr. Harrington was committed to helping all her students share their voices through publication. She consistently encouraged us to pursue publishing opportunities and shared numerous avenues for us to do so. I had the honor of co-authoring an article with her (*Low completion rates of Latinx community college students*; <https://doi.org/10.5195/ie.2022.205>), an experience that significantly enriched my understanding of academic writing and the publishing process. She also supported my contribution to another publication she was working on with additional authors, ensuring that I was fully included in the writing and revision process. Her mentorship extended far beyond basic guidance—she actively championed my success as a scholar and a writer.

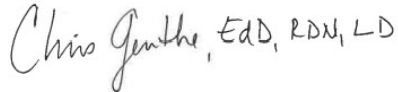
What sets Dr. Harrington apart is the sustained nature of her mentoring. Even after her formal role as my advisor ended, she has remained a generous and accessible resource. She continues to keep in touch with former students, offering feedback on writing, suggestions for where to publish, and ongoing encouragement as we navigate our professional journeys. Her commitment to our long-term growth speaks volumes about her character and her genuine investment in the success of others.

Dr. Harrington's mentorship is marked by a deep commitment to equity and inclusion. She is intentional about creating inclusive learning environments and ensures that all students—regardless of background or experience—feel empowered to participate fully in scholarly activities. Her encouragement of diverse voices in academic publishing exemplifies this commitment, as she continually advocates for her mentees to contribute to the field and be recognized for their work.

Dr. Harrington's impact is not limited to individual mentoring relationships; she has mentored numerous students and emerging scholars over many years, helping them achieve their academic and professional goals. Her influence on my career and the careers of so many others is a testament to her unwavering dedication, generosity, and belief in the potential of her students.

It is without reservation that I nominate Dr. Christine Harrington for the TAA Author Mentoring Award. She exemplifies the very best of what it means to be a mentor—supportive, knowledgeable, inclusive, and inspiring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Genthe, EdD, RDN, LD".

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