

Dear College of Liberal Arts,

I was a student of Suzanne Nielsen. From my time as one of her students, she has shown that she cares deeply about her students' personal growth. In every class that I have been in with her, her students have shown how much their own writing has progressed throughout a semester. The key aspect in their development comes from Professor Suzanne's teaching. One of the main elements of her teaching is that the best and most real stories come from a place of truth. The truth for me is that I would not have been able to achieve all that I have in college if it were not for her.

From my own experience as one of her students Suzanne has pushed me to become a better writer. She has given me the opportunities to develop myself. With her help, I was able to achieve the President's Outstanding Student Award for the College of Liberal Arts in the Spring of 2024. She not only pushes her students but believes in them. Through her guidance I became a managing editor for Metro States Literary Magazine, Haute Dish. Although I was skeptical of my own ability to navigate the magazine, Suzanne did not stop believing in me. She did not leave my side and she pushed me to learn to do the work myself. She stayed there with me until I was able to fly on my own. Her teaching and guidance have shown me that I can achieve great things, and that with some help and a gentle push I will see that growth in myself.

Suzanne Nielsen is a wonderful teacher. She guides you to the moment where you must learn to fly on your own. And when you reach that moment, you find out that she was right. If you ask any other of Suzanne's students what their favorite part of her class was, they will tell you that it was Suzanne herself. She lights up a room with her wit and presence. She is not only a joy to have as a teacher, but an inspiration that every student should be able to experience in their time at college. I highly recommend that you consider Suzanne for this promotion. She is the guiding light for all creative writing students. She is strong, dependable, and an inspiration to everyone she meets. She teaches us how to work with ourselves and that the key to growth is never shying away from the person in the mirror. She teaches us to never stray from who we are, and that the best stories come from within. Suzanne is a gem within the Metro State University Faculty, and I hope that you consider her for this promotion.

Sincerely,
Bryant Rooney