

Student Testimonies

Here are comments from past students who graduated and reached out to me to talk about the impact my teaching had on them.

There is a question that we all get asked several times in life, “Who had the most influence on you?” or “Who did you admire the most?” or some variation. While I admired Dr. XXXX, YYYY, and ZZZZ a great deal, your name always topped that list for me. Until I met you, I had flunked out of undergrad twice and my academic desires were little to none. You ignited a spark in me that has never been extinguished. My desire to consume information and acquire knowledge began in your classes and projects, and that has never changed. You flipped a switch that made me want to learn – everything. Shamefully, I never told you that. In hindsight, I wish I had made it a point. I’m just glad I get to tell you now

You were the hardest-working man I ever met. And you were always there for me in my times of frustration, celebration, or refusal to celebrate.

You have never been one to do things the easy way and I have always marveled at your clarity and perseverance.

My children know about you: “In the words of the great Dr. Borzi: LOL. For me, I didn’t really have any mentors growing up except for you and Dr. XXXX – so, I valued everything you have said and I memorized your words as they came out of your mouth! My disability also did not stop you from believing in me, this means a great deal.

I’m forever grateful for all that I learned from you in graduate school. You certainly shifted my perspective in many ways. Thank you for loving what you do and for always making learning relatable and memorable.

I’m still very grateful for all the things you did for me when I was in college to get me to this point.

Sample Student Evaluations

The sample evaluations are drawn from classes taught since stepping down as Department Head and after the impact of COVID on course instruction. I believe that these classes accurately reflect my teaching abilities when those responsibilities are not impacted by Department Head Responsibilities and include the impact of the post-COVID era on the classroom.

COMM 1100 - Human Communication (Spring 2022)

Overall Evaluation: 4.78

Course was well organized	4.67
Course assignments were clearly explained	4.67
Instructor presented material clearly	5.00
Course increased knowledge of topic	5.67
Instructor provided Helpful Feedback	4.33
Instructor responded in a timely manner	4.33

Comments: *What did the instructor do that most helped your learning?*

- His slideshows were very interesting, and he provided many videos that helped to provide visuals.
- Helped make sure we knew what we were doing and let us have our own conversations.
- The instructor actually had discussions with the class which made it easier to learn.

COMM 1500 – Introduction to Communication Studies (Spring 2022)

Overall Evaluation: 4.17

Course was well organized	4.33
Course assignments were clearly explained	4.17
Instructor presented material clearly	4.00
Course increased knowledge of topic	4.00
Instructor provided Helpful Feedback	4.00
Instructor responded in a timely manner	4.17

Comments: *What did the instructor do that most helped your learning?*

- He gave me multiple opportunities and advised me throughout with his feedback

COMM 2100 – Introduction to Communication Theory (Spring 2023)

Overall Evaluation: 4.87

Course was well organized	4.80
Course assignments were clearly explained	4.80
Instructor presented material clearly	4.80
Course increased knowledge of topic	5.00
Instructor provided Helpful Feedback	4.80
Instructor responded in a timely manner	4.80

Comments: *What did the instructor do that most helped your learning?*

- He helped me be able to know more about theories in communication. They were very helpful
- Made the lessons interactive!
- In class activities

COMM 4461 – Interpersonal Communication Capstone (Spring 2023)

COMM 4561- Organizational Communication Capstone (Spring 2023)

Overall Evaluation: 4.56

Course was well organized	4.00
Course assignments were clearly explained	4.33
Instructor presented material clearly	4.17
Course increased knowledge of topic	4.33
Instructor provided Helpful Feedback	4.83
Instructor responded in a timely manner	4.50

Comments: *What did the instructor do that most helped your learning?*

- Made the course the way it is and taught me about organizational communication strategies.
- He gave really good feedback. I liked that he made us think and helped us when we were stuck.
- The professor always checked in with us to make sure that we understood what the assignment was. I also enjoyed how the feedback was very detailed and
- In-depth comments when he gave our group feedback.
- I think that what helped my learning the most is the feedback that he provided was always super detailed up until he had to leave
- He let us flourish. He didn't take over and stifle our creativity. It was a true learning experience.