

October 8, 2024

Dear Members of the Promotion Committee,

I am delighted to recommend Drew Mikita for promotion of rank from Associate Professor to Professor.

Drew serves in the full-time Behavioral Science Faculty Position on the Summit Campus, and I could not be more honored to support his advising, teaching and numerous leadership roles in my College Counselor position.

Drew's teaching career at Colorado Mountain College began as an adjunct Psychology instructor and through his dedication to student learning and deep commitment to Colorado Mountain College, Drew has transformed the student experience within the Psychology discipline. His depth of knowledge and experience has allowed him to increase the psychology class offerings to include both lower division introductory classes and upper division required courses in the Bachelor of Arts, Human Services Degree.

Drew's ability to engage a diverse population of students in the learning process and build trusting relationships for a more meaningful classroom experience is a rare gift. Students have repeatedly commented on how valued and comfortable they feel in his classes. His learning environment provides new challenges, creative and relevant assignments, open and thoughtful discussions, along with stress reducing humor.

As colleagues, Drew and I share a deep concern for student success and overall well-being. The support he provides during difficult times and tragic campus events has been invaluable to me and so many others. His compassion and positive demeanor have created new bridging opportunities for student development initiatives. An example of this is Drew's continued involvement with the campus New Student Orientation Sessions, providing academic guidance, program information, student success strategies, and additionally undertaking student activity events on our campus.

Drew truly deserves to be recognized for his hard work and commitment to student learning and success at Colorado Mountain College. I recommend Drew without reservation for promotion in his faculty position. He is a deeply valued and remarkable resource for his students, colleagues and community. I would be happy to provide any additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

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