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Administrative Professional Advisory Council
Washington State University
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Dear Administrative Professional Contribution Award Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to nominate Christie Kittle for the Administrative Professional Contribution Award. Christie leads the Instructional Design team here in Academic Outreach and Innovation that played a critical role in helping the university pivot to distance delivery in 2020. Since then, she has worked tirelessly to deliver trainings to faculty and staff to make distance delivery as successful as possible. Today, Christie leads her team to conquer the university-wide transition from Blackboard to Canvas LMS. Christie accomplishes these vital tasks while still handling the day-to-day aspects of her position efficiently and accurately.

Personally, Christie has been priceless to me since the very beginning of my time at WSU. Even though we hail from different departments in AOI, she has never hesitated to lend a hand or help with a quick question. Despite her packed schedule, Christie finds time to jump into a call to share screens or send over screenshots to sleuth out a solution to the various tech issues that arise in this online world. She extends this collaborative spirit across the university to students, faculty, and staff. Most recently, Christie contributed her time to help host the 37th annual Sewing and Stitchery Expo as we went virtual for the first time. This involved long days of back-to-back virtual sessions into the night and weekend.

Christie also serves as the Chair of the eDesign Collaborative Network in UPCEA, contributing to advancing learning innovations around the world while representing Global Campus and WSU.

I can think of no other person that displays outstanding productivity, problem solving, positive working relationships, or university service more than Christie Kittle. She is truly an asset to AOI and to WSU. I am so grateful to have Christie as a colleague and as a friend. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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