



March 25, 2021

Dear AP Contribution Award Committee,

I am writing to nominate Andria Donnenwerth for the Administrative Professional Contribution Award. I have worked as a Program Coordinator in Andria's team for over two years now. In that time, I have been able to witness her creativity in problem solving, talent in brainstorming innovative ideas, and an admirable ability to plan and execute those ideas.

Student involvement can present some unique challenges in the distance learning space. As Global Campus Student Involvement Manager, Andria sees these perceived challenges as opportunities to find new and exciting ways to engage students and make them feel like they are part of something bigger. When presented with an obstacle or challenge in the execution of an idea, her motto is always "how can we do this" and never "this is impossible." This determination coupled with her cheerful attitude has resulted in the creation of many new programs and opportunities for Global students.

Andria is always looking for ways to go above and beyond to create programming and new involvement opportunities, even at the WSU System level. In 2021-2022, she ideated and led a systemwide community service project for MLK Day called "Caring Cougar Cards" where students, staff, and faculty from all campuses came together (both in-person and online) to create cards for community partners nationwide. She was also named co-chair of the WSU Martin Luther King Program due to her support in the preparation and coordination of MLK Programming. Andria has also been a key part in the planning of Global Campus' first ever virtual commencement ceremony, and now first ever in-person ceremony in the spring. In this, she has evidenced her ability to lead others toward a common goal.

Andria has fostered a robust sense of community and teamwork among her students and employees and has truly embodied the One WSU sentiment. For these reasons, I believe Andria is highly deserving of recognition. I would be happy to provide additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to nominate and recommend Andria Donnenwerth for the APAC Contribution Award. Andria served as the co-chair for the MLK 2022 committee and was essential in ensuring that this year's celebration was the best one yet. However, her greatest accomplishment was an event that she conceived and formulated to celebrate MLK. She created the MLK Caring Cougar Card program that will now be a staple for our MLK celebrations moving forward. This event was formulated to coincide with the MLK quote:

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."

MLK day is the only national holiday meant to be observed by giving back to your community. And often that aspect is left out or completely forgotten, but Andria wanted to double down on our service and did so by creating this program. WSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as Pullman High School students were able to come together (in-person at each campus and on Zoom) to create cards for community partners across the nation—community partners such as local hospitals, teen shelters, assisted living homes, etc. This event ended up sending "caring cards" with uplifting and positive messages to more than 350 people throughout the state of Washington. Those who received the cards expressed their delight and appreciation for the thoughtful and unexpected gifts of encouragement. This event made a positive impact on the students, faculty, and staff involved as well as the people who received the cards.

This was all made possible by Andria's foresight and commitment to community service. WSU made great inroads across our state, showing itself to be a true land grant, by reaching out to the community and expressing support and care for those we serve. Andria made that possible and I believe deserves to be rewarded for her leadership and creativity concerning this outstanding event!

Kind Regards,

Dr. Allen Sutton
Executive Director
Social Justice Education and Outreach
Washington State University

Dear Selection Committee,

It is with great pride and pleasure that I nominate Andria Donnenwerth for the 2022 AP Contribution Award. Andria has been a bright and warming light during some very dark times throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has made a positive difference in the lives of not only for Global Campus students but the lives of students, staff, faculty, alumni and other stakeholders across the grand system.

As Student Involvement Manager at WSU Global Campus, Andria has shown an exceptional ability to create dynamic and innovative programs that are highly engaging and meaningful, and that have capitalized on the strengths of virtual spaces rather than the perceived limitations of this platform. And her positive, can-do attitude is as contagious as her wonderful laugh!

A few examples:

Andria took a passing (and somewhat tongue in cheek) suggestion of creating a series of Virtual Tailgate events during the 2020 Cougar football season and made it a reality and a great success, engaging staff and students across the system to participate by hosting events, speakers and contests throughout the season. Andria was determined to provide a fun, interactive and festive environment for Cougs to meet to cheer on our football team. It's not an exaggeration when I say Andria is one of WSU's greatest cheerleaders!

She also has been the face of WSU Virtual Bingo, calling letters, chatting up the crowd and just allowing participants across the system to have fun in a most welcoming environment.

A more recent example is Andria's work on the 2022 MLK Jr. programming committee. She was encouraged by the MLK leadership team to become vice chair of the MLK committee, and wow, did she ever deliver! She created a WSU system-wide synchronous service project event (Caring Cougar Cards) that was so successful that it will be implemented in future years. The event was held synchronously and streamed across the system. All WSU campuses participated. Students were provided the necessary materials such as construction paper, colored markers, glue and stickers to create their cards for community partners, such as Bishop Place in Pullman. Andria was inspired by a quote by Martin Luther King, Jr.: *"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."*

Andria serves every day, and that is one of the things that make her great – and highly deserving of this prestigious award. Thank you for considering this nomination.

Respectively,
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