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See what our students are saying about professors that made a positive impact on them this semester!

Our class' study abroad trip for the second half of the semester was canceled, and our AWESOME professor Dr. Monica Neshyba tried her very hardest to ensure that we all were taken care of and managed to put together Zoom calls with the Italian students we were going to teach on our trip. We were able to virtually tutor the eighth graders and create an audiobook version of the play we were going to perform with the seventh grade students. She went above and beyond to make sure that we all had a good semester and I really appreciate it!

Mentioned: Dr. Monica Neshyba
College of Education & Human Development

I definitely thought the transition to all online classes was going to be rough since I am student who gets more out of in person classes, but I did better than I expected to! Dr. Vatche Tchakerian was the best professor through this whole thing. He stayed so passionate about his class and was always checking in with us to make sure we were doing well. He made learning about the arid lands so easy through our Zoom classes and homework assignments. I'm so sad he's retiring next Spring, but he is a wonderful man and professor here at Texas A&M.

Mentioned: Dr. Vatche Tchakerian
College of Geosciences

I would like to especially thank my supervisor, Dr. Zhipeng Lu, in the College of Architecture, who added extra care to provide me with online webinars and opportunities that keep me up to date and help me adjust to the new, crazy situation more smoothly. I had the regular weekly meeting with him using the Zoom platform, and that helps me stay on track.

Mentioned: Dr. Zhipeng Lu
College of Architecture

Transitioning to online learning was a little bit of a learning curve, but Dr. Cheryl Herman really supported the #cvm class of 2023 and really worked hard to make sure we had the materials that we needed and continued to ask us how we were doing and how she could do better in supporting us. I greatly appreciated her dedication to making sure the students were doing okay during the crazy second half of the semester.

Mentioned: Dr. Cheryl Herman
College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

Kylene Wesner my COMM 308 Research Methods Prof! This was one of my hardest classes in-person, so the transition to online was very unsettling. She immediately adjusted and moved forward with our semester in a seamless way that took ALL of the stress off her students' plates. I have never, ever experienced a professor being so present and readily available, literally putting her personal life on pause to help her students. She recorded so many videos to show us how to use a statistical software (mind you - we are comm majors - not math majors) so she was really kind for making sure we were taken care of above and beyond! Also, she made Zoom something I looked forward to! It was so fun!! One day her background was a beach, the next it was the golden gate bridge, or Paris... She really helped keep things feeling normal for us and kept us all connected. It helped myself and many others feel less alone in this uncertain, scary, and extremely isolating time.

Mentioned: Dr. Kylene Wesner
College of Liberal Arts

Professor Kubik in the physics department made the transition as seamless as possible while ensuring the quality of our education! He held extra review sessions before exams and stayed after on Zoom calls many times to help students with problems they were having. He kept the class engaged by using the poll feature on Zoom to gauge how well we were comprehending and what needed to be reviewed specifically! Personally, I attached the wrong file for a question on my final and instead of giving me no credit, he took the time to email me personally (1 out over 250 students) and ask for the correct work to give me credit!! Physics is already a difficult and dreaded class but he made it completely manageable!

Mentioned: Professor Andrew Kubik
College of Science

We applaud the countless faculty that have gone above and beyond for their students!
Thank you!

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“ The transition to online classes was definitely that - a transition, but Dr. Carr made the process as smooth as possible. She consistently held zoom office hours, recording her sessions for students who could not make the time. If work conflicted with the class, then she was flexible and willing to help. She made a groupme for everyone to stay up to date with information and continued to ask us how she could improve. Every week she dedicated her time and compassion to us.

Mentioned: Dr. Chavela Carr
College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

“ The transition was fairly easy! My professor added extra care to communicating with us and making sure we were supported in our learning. Additionally, they helped move deadlines as we needed them to complete our work with our best efforts in such a crazy time. Thankful for their help in this experience!

Mentioned: Dr. Larry Dooley
College of Education & Human Development

“ I'm gonna be honest, engineering is tough and transitioning it online was DEFINITELY NOT any easier. My professors were just as confused and some even ended up assigning more work than normal which made the semester one of the hardest! But Dr. Palazzolo who taught my MEEN 364 class would post great lecture videos that went in depth into every topic to prepare us for the last exam and the final! The semester was so rough I thought I would end up pass/failing all my classes, but with hard work and perseverance I ended up making an A in 6 classes (and a B in 1 but thats still a good grade)! I learned a lot through this semester and how to work through such hard times and I am more than ready to finish my degree strong.

Mentioned: Dr. Alan Palazzolo
College of Engineering

“ My French professor, Mr. Charlot was so amazing this semester!! He found a way to make Zoom lectures interactive and fun by using the breakout rooms and whiteboard features! He also scheduled an optional Thursday Zoom social hour that allowed us to connect with our classmates more, and I really appreciated that in a time when any kind of social interaction was hard to come by!

Mentioned: Professor Jean Baptist Charlot
College of Liberal Arts

“ Dr. Bruce Tai (MEEN) consistently joined Zoom both before and directly after lectures to create make-shift office hours. He was incredibly accessible both for MEEN 453 and as my project sponsor for MEEN 401.

Mentioned: Dr. Bruce Tai
College of Engineering

“ Mr. Munson for Comm 301 was SO AWESOME with the transition online!! With a class strictly lecture based, Mr. Munson was so accommodating by clearly communicating with us as well as doing the most to post online lectures as speedily as possible! Ended the semester with an A and it wouldn't have been possible without him.

Mentioned: Dr. David Munson
College of Liberal Arts

“ Since most Research has been halted, my professor Dr. Quick for VTPP 491 gave us service projects for COVID-19 that we could work on remotely. Dr. Quick has been so accommodating and caring for his students. For every zoom meeting, he would always check on us and ask us if we have secure food, transportation, internet service and a place to stay. He made sure that all of his students were well during this pandemic. Dr. Quick is truly one of the best and most caring profs I've had at TAMU!

Mentioned: Dr. Christopher Quick
College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

There are many more professors not on this list, but we are just as thankful for you!
Great Job!