

# Outstanding Student Teacher Mentor Award 2020

## Instructions

“A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself. A mentor is someone who allows you to know that no matter how dark the night, in the morning joy will come. A mentor is someone who allows you to see the higher part of yourself when sometimes it becomes hidden to your own view. I don’t think anybody makes it in the world without some form of mentorship. And we are all mentors to people, even when we don’t know it.” *Oprah Winfrey about mentors (her mentor, Mary Duncan, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher)*

In the preparation of student teachers, no practice is more critical than a solid mentorship with a skilled teacher. An effective mentor is a teacher who is committed to the profession, displays a contagious enthusiasm for teaching, is adept at dealing with colleagues, has a painstaking thoroughness in planning, models good communication skills with colleagues and students, and demonstrates an overall effectiveness as a classroom teacher.

Mount St. Joseph University, Northern Kentucky University, the University of Cincinnati, and Xavier University appreciate the critical role that mentors play in the transformation of student teachers into licensed teachers.

### *Nomination Form Instructions*

1. The winner of the Outstanding Student Teacher Mentor Award will receive a check for \$500.00 from Mount St. Joseph University.
2. Only student teachers may nominate a mentor teacher with whom they worked during 2019.
3. The mentor teacher must be appropriately licensed and have had three years successful teaching experience prior to the mentoring period.
4. The nomination form must be validated with signatures from the principal of the school where the mentor teaches **and** the college/university placement director.
5. All areas must be complete in order for the nomination to be considered.
6. Deadline for nomination completion and submission in fall term is **Friday, November 22, 2019**.
7. The 2020 award recipient will be announced in January 2020 with a banquet honoring local educators in February 2020.

## Outstanding Student Teacher Mentor Award 2020 Nomination Form

Mentor Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Student Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Teacher's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Teacher's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval Signature – Principal of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval Signature – Placement Director: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Teachers:** You may answer the following questions about your mentor teacher in paragraph, narrative form or you may simply answer the questions. Please be specific and provide as much information as you can (not to exceed 2 single-spaced pages). Please attach your answers/narrative to this form, with the nomination form on top.

1. How has this mentor teacher *inspired* you to be the best teacher you can be?
2. In what ways has this mentor teacher *guided* and *impacted* your *learning* and your *teaching* practice?
3. What *professional qualities* does this teacher have that make him/her an excellent mentor?
4. What *characteristics* set this mentor teacher apart from other mentors that you have had?
5. Please tell us *anything else* about this mentor teacher that might assist us in better understanding how this mentor is *outstanding*.

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## Directions for Nomination Submissions

Please send all nomination submissions by  
**Friday, November 22, 2019** for fall term:

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