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Kathleen Gillon, College of Education and Human Development

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Earlier this year, we asked students to nominate faculty members who had an important impact on them and the response was incredible. Through online videos and announcements, we are featuring the nine faculty members who won 2021 Faculty Mentor Impact Awards

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i
submitted my award for kathleen gillin
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because as a first year in the higher
education masters program
she's been able to guide me through and
make me feel so comfortable and
confident
with pursuing a degree in higher
education
i know many other people have felt the
same way
that she's provided so much mentorship
and guidance for all of us within the
program as well
she's also my advisor so she's really
been
able to help me figure out what i want
to do exactly
and which classes to take and all the
difficult parts
and she's been somebody i can rely on
and feel comfortable with talking to
about personal issues academic issues
anything work related so i'm really
grateful for this opportunity

and congratulations my name is kathleen
gillen and i'm an assistant professor of
higher education in the college of
education and human development
i think mentoring is important because i
see it as a way to really disrupt
inequities that exist
both in higher education as well as our
broader society
especially for our low-income students
first-generation college students
students of color as well as those who
live at the intersections of those
identities
i really try to approach mentoring from
an equity perspective by focusing on the
assets that students already possess
and then consider how i can help them
leverage those assets
as they pursue their graduate studies
and careers in higher education
by utilizing an anti-deficit approach to
mentoring
we can remind students that the skills
and knowledge they bring to our
classrooms
and our university are valued and
valuable
for me mentoring is also about sharing i
think about the ways that we can share
information that helps to demystify
higher education
especially graduate education and i
think about the academic
and professional opportunities we can
share such as collaborating on research
projects
presenting at conferences and
co-instructing courses
and i think about the ways we can share
our networks and connect students to
additional mentors
as well as future supervisors last
previous mentors have helped me to

understand the importance of reciprocity
and faculty student mentoring
while i may serve as a faculty mentor
i'm rarely the one leading the learning
my students are amazing educators and i
find that oftentimes
i'm the one learning from them i'm
grateful to the mentors in my life
who've modeled this form of mentoring
for me
thank you so much the students who
nominated me for this award
i know how busy you are and i'm really
humbled that you took the time
to to nominate me
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