

I know Chowan exists for students and learning. I know that when I see a student grow and learn because of his or her Chowan experience, I am encouraged and heartened. I know making an impact on students through their work is rewarding for our faculty. I know our faculty are some of the most inspiring and influential people in the lives of our students. I know our faculty are often underappreciated. This week I asked our students and graduates to say thank you to their professors. Here are a few of their responses:



“I would like to send a warm and well deserved thank you to Dr. Wack. Thank you for your patience and support.”

“Miss Awuni, thank you for everything you did for me in my 4 years at Chowan. You are always there for me when I need advice.”

“Dr. Brabban challenged me to be a better student and person. I’ll always be grateful.”

“Greg Taylor, thank you for being the best.”

“I cannot thank Dr. Place enough. I owe a lot of my success to her. I am grateful for her guidance and generosity.”

“Thanks Professor Wyatt for giving me a lot of inspiration on how to become a better student.”

“Dr. Nicholson is a great mentor. She is generous in sharing her knowledge and giving advice. I really am grateful.”

“Mrs. Wolfskill is the model of a successful, inclusive teacher. She looks for ways to help students grasp the material and succeed. I am thankful for her each and every day.”

“Mr. Abbott is the finest student-centered professor I have ever had. He is truly amazing—approachable, funny, and caring. I thank him for the effort he puts into his classes.”

“Dr. Modlin is patient, supportive, and available. What more could a student want?”

“Dr. Doane is an extraordinary professor! Her brilliance in classroom regarding research and statistics is amazing. She is a very effective teacher. Thank you, Dr. Doane, for your enthusiasm.”

“Dr. Collins has offered so much of his time to his students. His mentoring and encouragement has made me want to succeed. Thank you, Dr. Collins, for sharing your time. It is greatly appreciated.”

“I remember my first weeks at Chowan. I was wondering what I was doing here. Then Mr. Truesdell gave me personal attention and encouragement. Today I feel this overwhelming sense of gratitude toward him.”

“I really appreciated the support of Patsy Taylor, both inside and outside of the classroom. I wish I could I have spent another four years at Chowan.”

“Thank you, Dr. Carr, for caring and welcoming me. Thank you for all you do to make Chowan a wonderful place to learn.”

“Dr. DeJesus is always looking out for her students, always expecting that what we learn will stay with us throughout our lives.”

“I haven’t known Mr. Loftis long, but he has that Chowan spirit where everyone feels an obligation to invest in us. It means a lot to me.”

“Thank you, Mr. Hammond. You saw a potential in me that others did not. Your caring attitude has given me a second chance.”

“Mr. Brennan has opened so many doors for me professionally. I am so fortunate he believes in me.”

These testimonies tell me some other things I know. I know Chowan is beautiful. I know Chowan is a wonderful place to be a student. I know Chowan professors invest in students personally and academically. I know they spend their days shaping, molding, and listening to their students, and they use their evenings and late nights to grade papers, projects, and tests and prepare for class. I know in between they do everything else. Because of their dedication, I know they change the lives of our students forever. I know our faculty do what they do best—and that is to teach and inspire.