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Dr. Thomas Tobin  
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Dear Dr. Tobin,

I wanted to share my appreciation for your expertise in Universal Design Learning (UDL) and for your commitment to helping higher education faculty, staff, and administrators incorporate UDL strategies into teaching and learning. It has been a pleasure working with you to develop, offer, and evaluate a keynote presentation, *Reach Everyone and Teach Everyone with Universal Design Learning*, a follow-up break out session, *Expanding Learner Choices*, and a series of four *Universal Design for Learning* workshops in the 2020/2021 academic year at Oakton Community College.

First, your organizational, communication, and collaboration skills are outstanding. This by far was the best experience we have had in planning and offering these types of professional development opportunities. I appreciated the opportunity to review and provide feedback on your presentations and supporting documents in advance of the presentations. I am grateful for your interest in the session evaluations to improve your presentation methods and offerings.

Most importantly, our faculty, staff, and administrators have benefitted from your expertise. Your presentation style and application-based presentations were engaging and provided actionable strategies. This is supported by comments from session participants:

“I appreciated how he modeled a lot of his ideas in his presentation to us.”

“Informative and inspirational for teaching.”

“Dr. Tobin is one of my favorite presenters. His knowledge in UDL is very applicable and meaningful, especially now.”

“Dr. Tobin’s clarity and examples made it a very engaging session.”

“Dr. Tobin offers a unique approach to teaching and encourages participants to think outside the box.”

UDL training should be a part of a higher education professional’s repertoire. Bringing you to Oakton Community College in 2020/2021 has been critical to the success of our faculty and students as we continue to enhance teaching and learning during the pandemic and as we use and explore alternative modes of teaching and learning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth Williams", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ruth Williams  
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