



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
Davis College

## Agricultural Education & Communications™

### **Dr. Courtney Gibson, Associate Professor** **Davis College Teaching Award** **Chancellor's Council Distinguished Teaching Award** **USDA Teaching and Student Engagement Award**

I am honored and proud to recommend Dr. Courtney Gibson for the Davis College Teaching Award. Dr. Gibson has an exemplary record of service to Texas Tech. She has demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to the Department of Agricultural Education and Communications, to the Davis College, and to Texas Tech University. Her record has distinguished her as a loyal and dedicated Red Raider. She would be a phenomenal selection for this prestigious award.

Dr. Gibson has the reputation of one of the most outstanding teachers on our campus. Dr. Gibson has consistently carried a high teaching load and teaches courses both in the undergraduate agricultural communications degree program and graduate courses for master's and doctoral students. Consistently she is among the highest rated teachers in our department. Beyond the scores, Courtney is one of the most creative and innovative teachers I have ever worked with. Students consistently cite her creative approach and her caring personality as favorite characteristics. One of her students recently commented  
Dr. Gibson's classes are extremely hands-on, enlightening and fun for her students! All three of the classes I have had with her in my undergraduate degree have been some of my favorites.  
Dr. Gibson embodies what it means to be an exceptional professor. She fosters a productive environment for her students while being relatable and easy to talk to. Being in Dr. Gibson's class has been one of the highlights of my undergraduate career.

The same qualities that make her a student favorite in teaching contribute to the work she maintains as an academic advisor. She currently advises about 40 undergraduate students in the agricultural communications undergraduate program. Students request her as an adviser as her pleasant demeanor and willingness to help are traits that students desire. She truly cares about students' success, and she invests a great deal of time into helping them. In addition, she serves on several graduate student committees and has served as a co-advisor of the Agricultural Education and Communications Graduate Student Organization and the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT) student organization.

A vital member of our team in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communications, she has long served in areas that support the values and strategic priorities of the department. Dr. Gibson has served the department on numerous search committees, three-year review committees, and various departmental activities. Today, she is the designated leader of the undergraduate agricultural communications program and is the chair of our departmental undergraduate programs committee.

Dr. Gibson is one of the most student- and people-centered individuals I know, and her kind and caring demeanor make her an impactful and integral part of the experience the students in our program receive. She invests in others on a daily basis and embodies our department values and student-centered approach. Among her many contributions, she is one of our most celebrated and acclaimed instructors and one of our most productive and engaging academic faculty advisors. These accomplishments place her in a place of great influence and impact on the students in our program.

Dr. Courtney Gibson is a wonderful member of our faculty and a great colleague, and her contributions are critical to the success of our undergraduate and graduate programs. Her teaching contributions have spanned her entire career at Texas Tech and can be connected to the most critical and essential priorities of our university. She has an exemplary record and continues to represent Texas Tech University with the highest standards. In my assessment, Dr. Courtney Gibson is most deserving of these awards.