

Dear Faculty Senator,

My name is Cindy and I'm a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student in the College of Journalism and Communications. I am first in my family to attend college and I write to say thank you for your support of students and your commitment to make UF an even better place. I imagine you don't often get recognized for all of your work. It must be hard to be a faculty member; balancing time researching, teaching, and mentoring students like me. 2018 was a hard year for me – I lost my mom. I can't even describe how much she meant and still means to me but she was my family. I could name several



faculty members, TA's, and student affairs professionals that have supported me. If I did not have such a caring group of people at UF who deeply believe in me and who have become my family, I could have considered leaving college. My grades are nearly perfect and my future is bright. During this holiday season, I want you to know how grateful I am that you care. You make a difference in students' lives and I know mine has been forever changed because of UF. 2019 will be my last full year of college and in 2020, I will be the first in my family to walk across the college graduation stage. I am committed to making 2019 the best year yet.

Go Gators!

Cindy