Dear Committee,

Trisha has been one of the best professors I have had while being at the University of Denver. I have had classes with her for the past few years, and I have always felt that she really cares for us as individuals, not just as students. Every class, she always checks in with us and acknowledges our hardships we may be enduring individually, and always lets us know that she is someone who can listen to us, help us, and offer support and resources.

During our class sessions, we usually bring up personal experiences, many which include difficult situations and topics, but we all feel safe to talk about them openly, not afraid of being judged or criticized. Trisha helped make this environment, where we all feel safe to express ourselves, our diverse backgrounds, and feel included in our classes. In addition to this environment, Trisha has also worked on including content and books in our classes that are by people who come from a diverse background, making myself and my peers feel seen and heard.

Overall, I believe Trisha makes a strong recipient of this award, as she has gone above and beyond to create and ensure a diverse, inclusive, and belonging environment inside and outside our leadership classes.

Best,

Cami Ibanez