

I first met Dr. Mitsakos when I applied for admission into Rivier College's graduate program in 2000. After meeting with him the first time, Dr. Mitsakos was able to direct me to a course of study that I had not anticipated reaching for. The following three years I studied under his watchful eye, and received my CAGS in Leadership and Learning. During that time Dr. Mitsakos was a teacher, advisor and confidante to me. Just this past year I completed my certification as a school superintendent, again under his supervision. Words cannot express all that I learn from him. My skills as a school leader are directly connected to my relationship with him. He is always willing to talk through issues with me at any time, support me when I need it, and listen when I have to talk. Few people have affected my life in this way. His talents in working with people go beyond the classroom walls.

Dr. Mitsakos' knowledge of the field of education continues to astound me. Few college professors are as in touch with current issues and practical application in school buildings as Dr. Mitsakos is. He has assisted me a great deal as I have learned the role of an administrator. The advice he gives me is based on sound research as well as practical knowledge. Dr. Mitsakos' most powerful lesson is the power of relationships; he is living proof of the importance of this in work and life.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or for more information. I'd be delighted to talk with you.

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