

Her nominators from this year and past years say:

“She makes every student feel comfortable, whether they are just starting in the field or are on their last course. She is the ideal of what a Brandeis professor should be, smart, engaging, caring. She goes above and beyond the classroom to better the Brandeis community as a whole.”

“Far more important than just learning how to write well, Professor McNamara has taught me the need to never stop working and accepting criticism on how to improve. I have learned to view criticism as a positive sign that someone cares about what you are doing. This is a lesson that I will carry with me well beyond Brandeis.”

“I recommend her classes to people who have no interest in journalism merely because I think everyone should take a class with her before graduating.”

“The skills that I have learned from her in journalism classes – the need to write clearly and concisely, the need to constantly rewrite drafts, and the need to truly understand, not just listen to conflicting opinions, are ones that I will take with me for the rest of my life.”

“Professor McNamara instilled a passion for learning in me.”