Her nominators from this year and past years say:

- I have never had an instructor more passionate about and committed to making her students grow....Not only is she a wonderful teacher with a unique gift of making students understand even the most complex concepts related to the Russian Language, but she is also a wonderful person and mentor. She truly cares about the success of every single one of her students.
- She exemplifies what it means to be a great teacher.... She comes into the classroom every day with a smile on her face. She motivates me to focus on improvements every day.
- Irina Dubinina has been a continuous beacon of support and joy for me and other students.
- Irina is everything that a student could ask for in a professor....Her classes are not easy and she has high expectations, yet no professor is more encouraging or supportive.