Dinah Hamilton

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[Hello Dinah.] Hi. [Please introduce yourself.] My name is Dinah Hamilton, I'm a professor of Psychology and Chair of the Social Sciences, History and Humanities Department here.

[And which classes do you teach?] I teach the Psychology classes, Introduction to Psychology, Child Psychology, Adolescent and my favorite class which is Positive Psychology.

[How long have you been at ENMU-Ruidoso?] Since 1994. I taught my first class here as a part-time instructor and I also continued to teach part-time until about 12 years ago.

[Why did you get into teaching?] I stumbled into teaching by accident. It was an opportunity that was presented to me when I first moved here and I taught a freshman seminar class the first time and I loved it. I loved the interaction with my students; I loved watching them learn and helping them learn and I decided that's something I wanted to continue to do.

[What is the most rewarding aspect of teaching?] Like I said, I think it's watching my students learn and helping them figure out the best way for them to learn what they're curious about.

[Ok. What would you like your students to know about you?] I think I'd like them to know that I was not always a perfect student, that I have had my struggles as a student It took me a while, couple of years, to actually figure out how to plan my time, plan my projects and develop certain skills to become confident enough to continue my education. I'd like them to know that even if you're struggling, I think everybody does to some extent or another, that if you hang in there, it's all worth it in the end.

[Ok, wonderful. Thank you very much, Dinah.] Thank you.