

# OUTSTANDING TEACHER MENTOR



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## OVERVIEW

The drive to be a mentor to others was an integral part of the job of being an agricultural educator. As an ag educator it is a privilege to help others in their journey to become an ag educator and part of the Ag Ed family. Denise has been an agricultural educator at the secondary, post-secondary and adult farm business management levels. As a secondary educator she has hosted numerous students teachers and served as a regional mentor for some entering the profession. As an Agribusiness instructor at SCC she was part of a team that mentored students through the 2+2 arrangement with the University of Minnesota, as well as those that made their journey through the agribusiness program and back to their farm or future careers. As an adult Farm Business Management Instructor, Denise has been involved with mentoring through the Professional Excellence Program (PEP) as a co-chair serving early career instructors in their first 3 years of teaching.

Denise's believes as a mentor, the focus is developing relationships which are safe, open and honest where everyone feels that it is acceptable to fail and learn from any mistakes, while encouraging growth through challenges and providing support.

*Denise goes above and beyond to create a nurturing and empowering learning environment. She fosters open communication, encourages creativity, and cultivates a strong sense of community among her mentees. Her unwavering support and encouragement has been instrumental in helping numerous individuals navigate the profession's challenges and emerge as confident and effective educators.*

*~Amy Durand, Dean of Agriculture*

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