Dr. Victoria Roche has made a tremendous impact on the professional lives of countless women since she joined the University in 1982. Dr. Roche displays passion and enthusiasm for her discipline and has served as a role model, teacher, mentor, colleague, advisor, and friend.

She is pro-active in her approach to supporting her students and is genuine in each of her roles, whether she is advocating for her department and programs, meeting students’ needs, or providing for her patients.

Dr. Roche has mentored women faculty who seek to advance leadership roles and she has worked to create an environment within the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions that supports women in a wide variety of roles. Her efforts range from personal support, to policy development, to exposing “unwritten” rules that existed.

Dr. Roche is a strong leader who believes in all of her students. She has helped many to develop professional networks and she encourages the development of personal and professional strengths within each of them. For Dr. Roche, helping students on an important professional and educational journey is the ultimate reward as a teacher.

Dr. Roche supports work-life balance, advocates for women, and believes in experiential learning. Her confidence, poise, and passion, combined with her expertise and knowledge has earned her numerous awards, including being honored more than eight times with the excellence in teaching award. She has held many offices within the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, including the highest office as President.

Her support has been called life-changing and life-lifting. Dr. Roche believes that our humanity calls upon us to share our gifts and talents and in the process we can learn from one another.

Dr. Roche is a strong woman known for her ethics, professionalism, and commitment who has served as an accepted and accomplished academic leader. For her profound impact on the personal and professional lives of countless women at Creighton, the Committee on the Status of Women is proud to recognize Dr. Victoria Roche with the 2016 Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Creighton Award.