## 2016 TRU Learning Award



## Laura Doan

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Setting students up for success is important to Dr. Laura Doan and a key part of this is ensuring that students feel able to take risks as they chart their own learning pathway through the Early Childhood Education program. A fundamental principle in Dr. Doan's teaching is recognizing that each learner is unique and brings with them a variety of experiences that shape their learning. She provides her students with opportunities to share their varied experiences and make connections to course material because she believes that "education is something that we do together in community." The learning communities that she fosters in her classroom allow her to model essential skills for life as an early childhood educator and also provides her with an opportunity to continuously learn with her students. Dr. Doan embodies lifelong learning and is a true role model for her students as she fosters their success.

