Remarkable Meredith Women

For this year’s Remarkable Meredith Women Library Essay Contest, I have chosen to honor Dr. Kris Macomber. Dr. Macomber is a Professor in the Sociology Department at Meredith College. She has studied at the University of Rhode Island and State University. She has over ten years of teaching experience in a college environment. Over the years, Dr. Macomber has worked to bring her insights in sociology to the public. She has not only made an impact on our society, but also on her students, including myself.

Dr. Macomber has made a great impact on society by sharing her sociological insights with the public. She has written many publications and given interviews on social issues in our society. She has interests in many social issues including male allies in the feminist movement, inequality, social change, and gender-based violence. Most recently, Dr. Macomber has appeared on PBS’s To The Contrary to speak about male allies in feminism. On the show, Dr. Macomber discusses the importance of men’s involvement in the feminist movement. Dr. Macomber states “Women’s leadership is primary and paramount” and that “men’s involvement is critical and necessary to support the ground work that women have been doing for years.” Dr. Macomber has also recently been interviewed for a podcast on Feminist Current and quoted in the Christian Science Monitor for the article “Why I stayed: Ray Rice Video Rekindles US Debate on Abusive Relationships.” Dr. Macomber’s contributions have helped to bring more awareness to many social issues.
Dr. Macomber has also made a great impact on her students. In over ten years of teaching experience, Dr. Macomber has taught several Sociology courses including: Introduction to Sociology, Current Social Problems, Sociology of Gender, and Social Psychology. Dr. Macomber takes a hands-on approach in her classes, allowing her students to practice sociology as well as study it. She describes how she believes “education should be transformative and empowering for students.” She encourages her students to find social issues in our society that they are passionate about and explore those issues from a sociological perspective. Many of Dr. Macomber’s students enjoy her classes and leave with a different perspective of our society.

As a student of Dr. Macomber, I have also been positively impacted by her teaching. As a sophomore I took my first Sociology class with Dr. Macomber. Although I was just taking the class as a General Education requirement, it exceeded my expectations. Through this class I was introduced to the world of Sociology. I learned to think more critically about our society and I began to develop the ability to look at issues from a sociological perspective. I learned more about our society in general and especially about myself. This class has helped me to understand more about what I value and the changes I want to see in our world. It has also encouraged me to pursue a major in the sociological related field of Criminology.

Over the years, Meredith College has seen many amazing women who have achieved extraordinary accomplishments and made a remarkable impact. One of these women, Dr. Kris Macomber, has not only made an impact on our society, but also on her many students. Through her presence in the news and in the classroom Dr. Macomber has presented herself as one of Meredith College’s most amazing women.