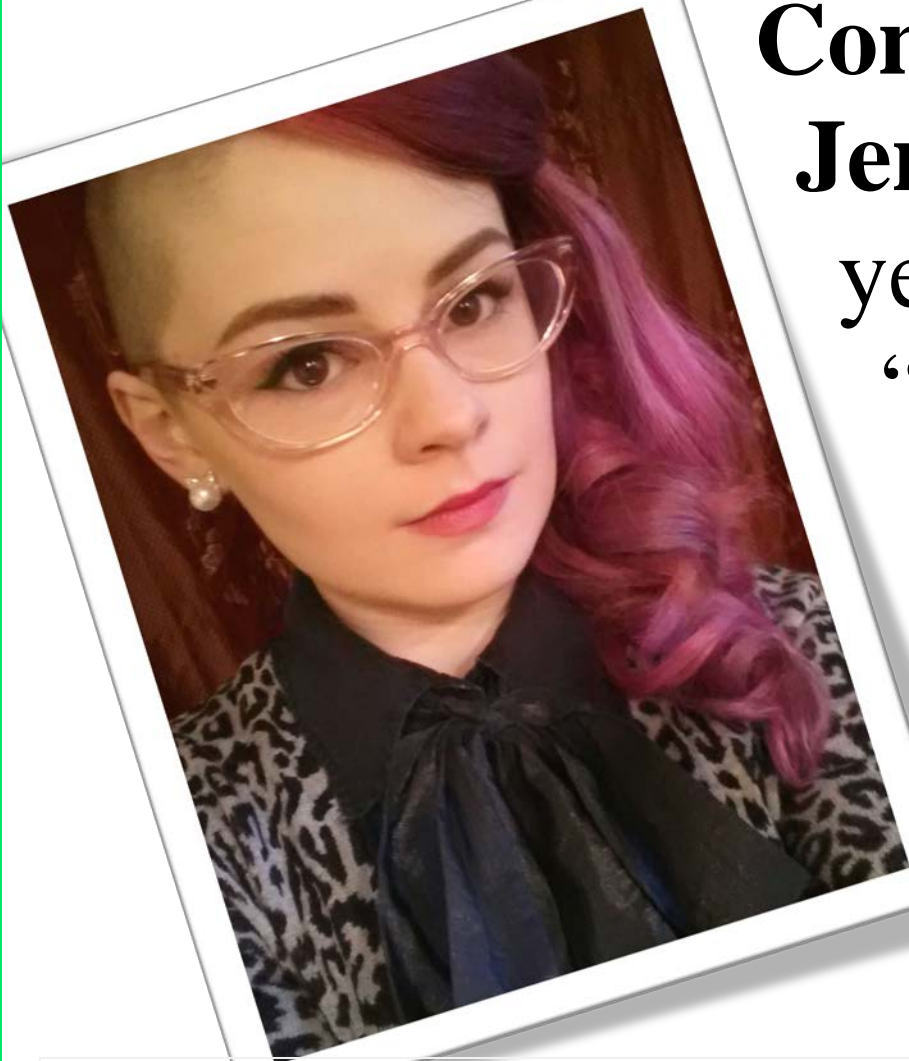


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Congratulations to Jenelle Patterson, this year's recipient of the "Class of OAC '60 Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant"

"I would be ecstatic if Jenelle was chosen to receive the award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant, and feel satisfied that I made my contribution to letting her receive the recognition she deserves." – Undergrad Student

*"This is a letter describing the incredible attention, commitment, and devotion that Jenelle Patterson has for her undergraduate students. I am an undergraduate student at the University of Guelph, in the College of Biological Sciences. Last semester I was enrolled in the Life Strategies of Plants course, BOT*2100. Over my two years at the University of Guelph, four semesters, twenty courses and over twenty TA's, Jenelle Patterson has stood out in my mind as an absolutely exceptional teaching Assistant." – Undergraduate Student*

"I consider Jenelle to be the ideal teaching assistant. She demonstrates a true mastery of all aspects of laboratory content as well as being uniquely sociable with her peers and undergraduate students. Jenelle has an absolute desire to ensure that experiments run properly and safely. In fact, she often comes into the lab in advance or even on days that she is not instructing – of her own volition – to assist me with preparing or calibrating equipment and collecting plant materials. Importantly, I rely on feedback to make improvements to the laboratory content, and Jenelle always provides thoughtful suggestions. She also authentically cares about the success of the undergraduates, promptly responding to student inquiries (in person and through email) and providing valuable feedback to written assignments. Furthermore, because of her friendly, dedicated and knowledgeable personality, she is very well respected and often a first point of contact with undergraduates. It is obvious to me that Jenelle is a great role model for junior teaching assistants, as well as young women interested in science."

– Undergraduate Laboratory Coordinator

"Her quirky style and her warm personality make her easily approachable, which I think is one of the most important things for a TA to be. Jenelle had a huge database of knowledge and interesting things to say. Whenever she would talk, whether it was to the class for a briefing before a lab, or on an individual, casual basis, she was very clear, precise and engaging to listen to. Whenever I would ask a question to Jenelle concerning lab procedure or course material, she would connect on a personal level. Jenelle would show genuine concern for each individual and answer questions and explain concepts very well."

– Undergraduate Student

"Her assistance during these labs was outstanding, and I would have a much smaller understanding of the subject matter without her contribution. Because I was applying for grad schools last semester, keeping my final grades high was a top priority, and Jenelle greatly helped me to achieve this goal in BOT2100. She gave me specific outlines of what was needed to achieve full marks on assignments and projects, while still allowing me to think on my own to gather the answers to problems..... It is for all the above qualities that Jenelle possesses, and her amazing ability to aid students to understand the subject of botany, that I believe she should be awarded the Class of OAC '60 Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant."

– Undergraduate Student

"It was a tremendous challenge to select only one recipient from among the many highly qualified applicants and you should be very proud of your achievement." – Awards Officers, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Guelph

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