

Hessian Merit Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Full-time Instructor

Presented to Libby Osgood, CND, Ph.D., PEng

Faculty of Sustainable Design Engineering

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Every so often, an individual intersects your life that is truly inspiring - someone who helps others to grow and blossom, but when they themselves also grow and blossom while helping others, well - that is inspiring.

This is the abbreviated story of Libby Osgood and her journey with us at UPEI.

Libby joined us back in 2011, when Engineering was in Dalton Hall, and was a very small program with a handful of dedicated instructors. She arrived just as the swell of the program was beginning.

Libby is one of the first instructors many Engineers will meet. She's always prepared to help, on concepts, Engineering documentation - whatever it is, she understands their needs. She is known as an excellent instructor.

What stands out most about her work, however, is one particular comment: "*Your enthusiasm encouraged me to try my hardest*". If you know Libby, you know that she has an absolutely unrelenting passion for Engineering, but with her view of teaching as a privilege, she is willing to go that extra kilometre to lead students to success.

Libby joined the religious Order of the Congregation of Notre Dame, and it taught her many lessons. In her own words: "*Before my leave of absence, I taught engineering. Since my return, I now teach students.*" Her 5-facet teaching philosophy sounds simple, but is complex to enact: *be prepared, be passionate, be proactive, be present, be philanthropic*. This reflects on her, both as a professional, but also as a human being. Of these, philanthropy is a major focus, and she has sent students to underdeveloped countries where they can make a difference. She advises both Engineers without Borders, and the Global Brigade, humanitarian organizations.

Students have called her a “beacon of motivation within the Faculty of Sustainable Design Engineering”. Colleagues have said “I believe her teaching practice embodies the Hessian qualities of comprehensive knowledge, energy and enthusiasm, student participation, innovative teaching techniques and accessibility to students.” and have praised her innovative story/role-play styles of teaching to demonstrate the rigours of real engineering problems.

Like Inigo Montoya, the rogue from the movie “The Princess Bride”, we can definitively say: “Let me explain - no, there is too much. Let me sum up.” Libby exhibits the very best in innovative and compassionate student-focused learning to be found at this University, and the Committee is proud to present her with this award which testifies to that fact.

We offer her our congratulations.