

Joanne McDonald to be honoured by peers with Volunteer Recognition Award



A veteran leader at Algonquin College will be honoured for volunteer activity in support of OCASA.

In the words of her nominators, “Joanne McDonald is an enthusiastic leader and consummate promoter of OCASA and our local chapter, the Algonquin College Administrative Staff Association.” Joanne has given over 7 years of service on the Algonquin ASA

Executive serving in roles relating to events, membership, and communications and “jumping in to help with absolutely everything else.”

In addition to this important work, Joanne has served as the College Representative to OCASA for 4 years and has also participated on the OCASA Awards Committee.

Joanne’s commitment to college life has found her involved in many committees both within the college and with external partners, including Dress for Success, a nonprofit agency that provides women with career clothing for job interviews, the Employment Accessibility Resource Network (EARN) which brings community agencies and service providers together to talk about employment for people with disabilities.

Lastly and perhaps most notably, Joanne and her husband have welcomed 22 home stay students into their family since 2006. These international students, of all ages, have come from abroad to study at Algonquin. She has created relationships that have flourished and now has “family” living all around the world.

The OCASA *Leaders & Innovators 2015: Connect. Collaborate. Transform* will be held June 22-23 at Kingbridge Conference Centre & Institute.

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For more information about the awards program, visit: <http://www.ocasa.on.ca/about-us/awards>



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