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Student-focused Faculty of Health Sciences instructor receives Inclusive Education Certificate

Keltie Hamilton (BHSc '20), an instructor in the Public Health program at the University of Lethbridge, has been selected as this year's recipient of the Inclusive Education Certificate of Recognition.

ULethbridge's Accessible Learning Centre established the award to acknowledge instructors who foster inclusive and accessible learning environments. Students nominate instructors for the award and the final selection is made by a committee representing the Accessible Learning Centre and the Teaching Centre.



"We are extremely pleased to present the Inclusive Education Certificate to Keltie," says Dawn Vickers, manager of the University's Accessible Learning Centre. "Keltie draws upon universal design principles to model and promote student learning, personal development and academic success. She initiates opportunities to connect with peers and is eager to expand her knowledge and skills to support students with specific concerns. Students have told me that she facilitates inclusive and welcoming environments that foster positive engagement both within their course and with peers."

"I'm honoured to have been nominated by students for this award," says Hamilton. "I work really hard to be accessible to my students. I'm a young new instructor so I try to incorporate a lot of feedback, and I work closely with the Teaching Centre. It's nice to hear the hard work is paying off and students are noticing. I understand how students might feel about certain deadlines or times of the year."

"She does so much in class to help her students learn better. She is understanding," wrote one student.

“This instructor formats her class to best support her students. Professor Hamilton is very understanding and accommodating,” wrote another student. “As long as you communicate to her what is going on, she is willing to work with you and figure out a plan to complete assignments or adapt assignments to your needs. I have never met a professor who is so understanding and who always has her students’ best interests at heart.”

To view online: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/unews/article/student-focused-faculty-health-sciences-instructor-receives-inclusive-education-certificate#overlay-context=article/student-focused-faculty-health-sciences-instructor-receives-inclusive-education-certificate>

Attached photos:

Keltie-Hamilton: Keltie Hamilton

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