

It's hard to find the right words to express how much of an honor and privilege it is to get to work with and know our students, and to accompany them through the ups and downs of their undergraduate journeys and young adulthood. Though the work that we do is sometimes quite challenging, stressful, draining, and frustrating to say the least, it's also important to remember and celebrate all of the great success stories that we have helped create. Students see us for everything; from course registration and program requirements, to exchanges, research and internship opportunities, career strategies,



navigating the McGill bureaucratic machine, personal issues of all sorts incl. breakups, roommate / landlord problems, parental pressures, financial matters, physical and mental health issues, etc etc etc. We see the worst, and the best McGill has to offer in our offices, and I wouldn't trade this work for the world. Student advising is by far the most rewarding job I have ever had the opportunity to do, and I am incredibly thankful for awards like these that

recognize the endless efforts we give in supporting our students through thick and thin.

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