

Bashevkin Center Award for Excellence in Peer Tutoring

Hello! I am so pleased that in this remarkable moment in time, we are still able to honor outstanding Bay Path community members by means of this virtual Marcia Conrad Award ceremony for 2020.

I am Erin Boutin, Coordinator of Student Academic Support Services. On behalf of myself and Surbhi Patel, Executive Director of Student Academic Support Services at Bay Path, we will present the Bashevkin Center Excellence in Tutoring Award. This award recognizes outstanding tutors who show dedication to their own work as scholars and the selfless advancement of their peers.

Bashevkin Center for Academic Excellence (BCAE) hires peer tutors who are first recommended by faculty members. These students know the course material and can model successful learning strategies. They have an outstanding academic record and are dedicated to helping fellow students in the learning process. They are dependable, patient, and passionate about the subject.

German statesman and literary great Johann Wolfgang von Goethe said, "Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them become what they are capable of being." This might be the ultimate achievement of any educator: to help a student reach her highest potential. This year we are proud to award two recipients the Excellence in Tutoring Award, both of whom in their own unique way help their peers to "become what they are capable of being." Both are seniors graduating from the Women in STEM Honors Program at Bay Path.

Justine Murphy is a Peer Tutor for a range of challenging courses: anatomy and physiology, biochemistry, and organic chemistry. She is also a Student Learning Assistant in the chemistry classroom. Her calm, positive demeanor puts tutees at ease and her command of the subject matter makes her our most utilized tutor. In the past two years alone she has had over 350 contact hours providing support to students. That is a remarkable achievement!

Josephine "Jo" Orrick also tutors in an impressive range of very difficult subjects: biology, microbiology, cell and molecular biology. She played soccer and lacrosse for Bay Path and President of SAAC, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Jo is a personable and always in a good mood, a natural leader. I knew I could always count on Jo to represent Student Academic Support Services to the rest of the community and to be a role model for less experienced tutors.

We applaud their diligence and their enthusiasm for using what they know to help others be their best and are thrilled to be able to present Justine Murphy and Jo Orrick with the Bashevkin Center's Excellence in Tutoring Award for 2020!