

Stephanie Bosnyk's 2013 UO Senate Leadership and Service Award for Officers of Administration Acceptance Speech:

I am extremely honored to have been nominated and selected as the third recipient of the UO Senate Leadership and Service Award for Officers of Administration. I would like to thank the UO Senate for establishing this special award and for all of those who supported my nomination.

Trying to select my greatest mentors is tough as all the people I have worked with over the years have contributed to my growth. Still, I would especially like to thank Jim Reinmuth (my boss for 18 years and former Dean of LCB) and my Mom for being great mentors.

I do not think of myself as a great leader but have always been committed to the principles of being a part of a great institution like the University of Oregon. The social media age can make it difficult to inspire or connect with people on an individual basis. However it has always been a passion and commitment of mine to assist others to achieve their potential along the way. Over time (and I do have a few years under my belt) it has been fun to participate in many committees and advisory bodies that I hope have led to better working lives for those I have shared this journey with. At times, the day-to-day work doesn't seem important until you see how it has impacted just one or two people and made their life better.

As the University goes through tremendous change it is important for all of you to continue to be involved and connected through various channels (committees, OA Council, mentor to others) and to make a difference in the lives of the students, faculty, and staff around you. Reconnect, revitalize, and join in!

It is always rewarding to be recognized for your efforts and decisions and I find this award to be particularly motivating and inspirational to me. Thank you again for this recognition — I wish you each every success and joy.