Recipients of the Excellence in Service Award

Scott Scholz - Biochemistry and Microbiology

Scott has recently taken on the leadership of his department's Biotechnical Support Service Centre, where he has worked for over 30 years. His team provides technical support for the department's research and teaching programs. His role includes everything from simple computer updates to maintaining over $25 million worth of complex, advanced systems and equipment across the entire Faculty of Science and beyond.

But it is Scott's personal dedication and commitment to his work that has earned him this award. Numerous individuals contributed to Scott's nomination package, and all of them speak of his technical expertise, ingenuity, humour and incredible generosity of time. No matter what the hour, no matter what day it is, no matter where he might be, when help is needed, he'll be there.

Perry Howard, Chair of the Biochemistry and Microbiology department had this to say: "Scott is the saviour of many experiments for our faculty, staff and students. There are countless stories circulating among faculty of situations in which Scott has been called in to take over the repair of a computer that has failed utterly at exactly the wrong time or to repair a freezer full of vital samples. This frequently means that Scott will gladly stay late into the night or return to campus evenings and weekends to deal with an emergency."

Albert Labossiere, Scott's former supervisor, says: "His methodical, thorough, calm and good natured approach has helped him rescue countless Departmental members from the depths of despair during computer crashes, and he routinely spares us all from the tedium and frustration of the endless upgrades required by a wonderful technology that also enslaves us."
It is clear that, throughout his long service to UVic, Scott has demonstrated all of the features that this award embodies: excellence in service, support for students and staff, improving the work and learning environment, and helping make the university community better for everyone.

Congratulations Scott!