

Citation of
Rebecca Gilchrist
for the
2024 Teaching Assistant of the Year

Passionate. Mentor. Leader. Dedicated. Reliable. This is how both students and faculty describe Rebecca Gilchrist, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. For her tireless and exceptional service to her students, faculty, and department, we are pleased to recognize Rebecca as this year's Teaching Assistant of the Year.

The faculty who worked with Rebecca were impressed by her involvement with every experiment, her engagement with the students, and how she taught with humor and with great skill. Faculty commended Rebecca for her exceptional dedication and commitment to the course and her students by going above and beyond her usual duties in the lab by also taking over both teaching and grading activities during the last two weeks of term when the instructor fell ill; feedback from the students indicated her teaching performance was outstanding. Faculty described how Rebecca's dedication to the students helped put them in the best possible position to have an excellent experience throughout the course. Faculty commented how Rebecca excelled at all facets of her TA duties.

The students were impressed by Rebecca's exceptional command of the laboratory and overall leadership throughout the course, with one student commenting how Rebecca enabled them to "leave [the] fear of failure behind" while another indicated how Rebecca motivated her to become a better chemist. Students commended Rebecca on how she helped provide a learning space that was educational and fun.

Due to her outstanding support of and dedication to her students, we are pleased to present Rebecca Gilchrist with the 2024 Teaching Assistant of the Year Award.