

## Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



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**Michelle Sorensen from the Center for Research and Occupational & Environmental Toxicology submitted the following nomination...**

Irina has been enormously helpful to me (and by extension, my lab), for many months. I joined my lab in September. Much of the work I do is in molecular biology. Members of my lab focus on other areas, so they are not able to help me when I am stuck. Irina has unselfishly offered her time and shared her expertise. She's has gone through my data notebooks to help me comprehend and interpret my results when I have been uncertain. She has taken the time to help me understand things backwards and forwards. Moreover, she has helped me to learn to design primers and to place orders for oligo synthesis and sequencing from the research core here at OHSU. When I receive the results from the core, she has assisted me in the complex sequence analysis with the data generated. She has taken the time to show me how to use the software available for this purpose. All of this and this woman is not even in my lab! She does not benefit IN ANY WAY from helping me! She is a senior scientist with a Ph.D. and a staff of her own. I am a research assistant with my bachelor's degree, working for someone else. She has proven to be the most wonderful surprise here at CROET. In a world where you hear so much about self-involved scientists, pushing their own self-serving agendas, it is SO NICE to find a wonderful person so giving of her time and resources. I think she is an excellent example of how awesome OHSU can be.



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