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Every semester of every year, Dr. Dora Cavallo-Medved teaches a full 15% of first year students at the University of Windsor. Over 1,000 students per year take her *Cell Biology* and *Biological Diversity* courses. More remarkable by far than those impressive contact numbers, however, is her extraordinary impact on students. The reason for this is simple: Dr. Cavallo-Medved sees students as her collaborators and partners in the learning experience, both in pedagogical research and development and in the classroom teaching itself, especially in designing and delivering effective teaching labs for her courses.

Dr. Cavallo-Medved regularly utilizes role-playing in her lectures. Her own portrayal of the *honey-bee dance* is apparently legendary on the Windsor campus. She seeks to build both a welcoming connection with students – even by making herself physically shorter as she steps out of her 3” heels so that her 5’1” frame is even less intimidating to students.

Dr. Cavallo-Medved has authored or co-authored several textbooks and 27 papers. She also initiated a community program called “Let’s talk Cancer” where her university students teach high school students about cancer biology in an annual one-day symposium.

Many students have credited Dr. Cavallo-Medved’s guidance and mentoring as the reason they stayed in university and for providing the intellectual and personal means for their ongoing success. Her impact is extensive and pervasive.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Dora Cavallo-Medved as a 2016-2017 OCUFA Teaching Award recipient.