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It is with tremendous delight that on behalf of the Teaching and Academic Librarianship Awards Committee, I present Dr. Frankie Stewart with the 2017-2018 OCUFA teaching award.

Throughout her career, Dr. Stewart has demonstrated a commitment in engaging, stimulating and caring for those around her. As a tenured professor in engineering at Ryerson University, Dr. Stewart has played a tremendous role in the female engineering community which remains a difficult place for women to start their careers. With only 18 per cent of Canadian engineering graduates being female and 10 per cent of license holders being women, Dr. Stewart's leadership and extensive volunteer service in programs such as ROPES, Ontario Women in Engineering, Engineering Enrichment and Outreach Office and WEMADEIT demonstrate how she has empowered female students at the secondary and post-secondary level in pursuing education and careers within STEM fields.

As one fourth year student describes, "Dr. Stewart conducts herself with strength and knowledge. [...] As the only female engineering professor during my undergraduate career she has also had a profound impact on my sense of worth and my belief that I can



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achieve the goals I hope to achieve. She is a motivator for me to one day become an educator and have the same positive impact on others that she has had on me.”

Recognizing the constant changes in teaching and learning styles, Dr. Stewart has impacted thousands of students through implementing various forms of multi-media, active exercises, hands on experiences and team-based learning in her teaching methods. This has created and developed greater inclusion, respect, communication, negotiation and problem-solving among her students.

In conclusion, Dr. Stewart’s immeasurable level of personal engagement and her methods of teaching and explaining have allowed students to discover their voice and use their knowledge to critically think, reflect and create in the world around them. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Frankie Stewart as a 2017-2018 OCUFA Teaching Award Recipient.