

Outstanding Co-op Coordinator Award



Lisa Worsh

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The Outstanding Co-op Coordinator Award was created to recognize excellence for a coordinator's contribution to the success and growth of the Northeastern University Cooperative Education Program.

We have the distinct pleasure this year to acknowledge Lisa Worsh for her dedication towards supporting and inspiring students throughout their co-op experiences.

The following are excerpts from the nomination submission:

"...Lisa approaches her role with the utmost professionalism each and every day and that comes through in her work with students, employers, her peers in co-op and department members in the college. Lisa continuously receives high praise from her students in co-op class surveys (TRACE) and co-op prep surveys. Lisa's Department Chair and Program Director have nothing but accolades for the work she is doing with their programs/students."

...Lisa embodies the values, skills and attributes that establish her as a top co-op coordinator; teaching, mentoring, coaching, communicating and demonstrating professionalism, as evidenced by the following student comments:

"Lisa Worsh is THE best at what she does. She provides timely responses, is approachable and just an overall A+ in my book. She answered any question and did her best to be available to everyone. She is a rock star."

"I think Lisa is amazing. Most of my friends are in other majors and I felt that I was much better prepared for both getting a job and working. Lisa is always available and willing to help. She's easily accessible through email and even gave me her home phone number when I needed help deciding which job to accept or to keep waiting."

In addition, over the past year Lisa has worked successfully to create a strong relationship with City Year. Although the economy greatly cut back their offerings, City Year hired 4 students in the past year, and the relationship has remained strong! City Year is very proud of their Northeastern co-op positions and there are plans to expand the program again.

During the past year, Lisa created 74 new jobs (39 of which were paid – and 51 of them had placements – out of the 74). Most of the new paid positions were at non profits and/or research jobs that clearly connect with her majors. Lisa tried a new creative approach to job development this year, she created a flier about her program and asked employers to critique it and forward it to their networks. It truly helped!

What makes Lisa an outstanding co-op coordinator is her willingness to pay attention to the "little things" that make a difference. Her attention to detail, willingness to follow through, her listening and coaching skills and ease at making connections to students, employers, and her colleagues set her apart from other coordinators."