

**ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTIC UNIVERSITIES
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING
1996
DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD**

JOAN E. D. CONROD

Joan Conrod is widely recognized as a teacher of the highest calibre. At Dalhousie University, she has won the Department of Commerce teaching award for the past three years and is the 1996 winner of the Dalhousie Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence, a clear reflection of the high regard in which she is held. In addition to being an excellent classroom teacher, Joan Conrod has also been active in curriculum development, the publication of teaching materials, and professional education.

Joan Conrod's teaching dossier contains a thoughtful articulation of her teaching style and reflects the energy and excitement that she brings to her classes. She creates a positive learning environment for her students, an atmosphere in which mistakes are treated as opportunities to explore misconceptions; an environment in which students can relax and focus on what they need to do to succeed.

Students speak very highly of Joan Conrod..."[she] represents the epitome of education" and is "a brilliant teacher," "one of the best teachers we have ever met." She is a caring professor whose enthusiasm for the subject is transmitted to her students. They appreciate her clarity of explanation and the extra efforts she makes to ensure that they understand important concepts - efforts recognized by colleagues teaching advanced courses to the same students. She is also innovative, and readily undertakes creative projects that will enhance student learning.

Committed to providing students with the best learning opportunities available, Joan Conrod has both adapted and created computer software to meet their needs, has written textbooks and other teaching materials, and has designed and developed course materials for a correspondence course. Her commitment to students extends to the post-graduation professional education of Chartered Accountant candidates, where her contributions are supported by the outstanding success rate of candidates from Atlantic Canada.

Through her own excellent example as a teacher, her motivational skills, and her ability to make the subject come alive to her students, Joan Conrod has demonstrated herself a most worthy recipient of the 1996 Association of Atlantic Universities' Distinguished Teacher Award.