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Our Graduate Student Takes Top Spot at Sommelier Graduation

The Ontario Hostelry Institute (OHI) and the Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers (CAPS) announced that AMY BOWEN (Ph.D candidate at Brock University in Dr. Andy Reynolds lab) and STEVE McADAM have won the Niagara and Toronto Region Awards, respectively, by achieving the highest cumulative average scores while successfully completing all components of the CAPS program. This includes the successful completion of each of the six academic modules, the final certification examination and the required 30 hour stage/work experience. Each Award is valued at \$3,500.

Amy decided to take the CAPS sommelier program to round out her wine education. Through her studies at Brock she was learning the science of wine making but also wanted to learn more about the finished product, how to serve it and how the profile of wine varies throughout the regions of the world. "The sommelier course allowed me to develop my palate, hone my service skills and increase my knowledge of grape varieties and wine styles outside of Ontario."

"Amy has done well to broaden her wine knowledge and continues to bring honours upon herself, Brock University and CCOVI. We are all very proud of Amy and her accomplishments," commented Dr. Isabelle Lesschaeve, Director of CCOVI.

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