Brenda Stoesz has been chosen by the Psychology Department Executive as the winner of the Graduate Student STAR award for this year for her outstanding contributions and achievements in service, teaching, and research. Brenda will receive a cash prize, her name will appear on a plaque to be mounted in the Psychology lounge, and the award will be noted on her official transcript.

Brenda has made important service contributions to the Department of Psychology (as Communications Officer for GASP and the Student Representative for the Quantitative Area) and to professional organizations such as the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, the Association for Psychological Science Student Caucus, and the Vision Sciences Society. She has also provided service to the wider community, primarily through her involvement in a range of knowledge translation activities.

Brenda is also a talented teacher with considerable experience working as a Grader/Marker, Teaching Assistant, Laboratory Instructor, and most recently as a course coordinator for PSYC 4520 (Honours Research Seminar). She has also co-supervised seven Honours students. She is an amazing mentor for graduate and undergraduate students alike.

Brenda already had a very impressive set of research skills when she entered our graduate training program. Since that time, she has published 11 articles and has 22 abstracts/conference presentations. Her work spans the areas of brain and cognitive science, measurement, and knowledge translation and has been supported by numerous scholarships and grants. She is a valued member of several different research teams including Lorna Jakobson’s Developmental Neuropsychology Lab, Janine Montgomery’s Social Cognition Lab, and the KATYDID Research Group at St Amant.

Congratulations Brenda!

KUDOS ...

From Harvey Keselman’s Lab:

Researchpalooza
Members of this year’s Honours Research Seminar class evaluated posters displayed at Researchpalooza, based on criteria for effective posters discussed in class. Congratulations to the following authors, whose work caught the eye of our Honours students:
Ranked #1 Overall:
Title: Sedentary Behaviour in Late Life: Casual Attributions for Inactivity
Authors: Chipperfield, Parker, Hamm, Perry, Hladkyj, Bader, & Campbell

Ranked #2 Overall:
Title: Parts Based Processing in Autism
Authors: Lazar, Shomstein, Montgomery, & Marotta
UPCOMING EVENTS ...

   Monday, March 24, 11:00 a.m., P412
   Attentional capture by sound disappearance

Dawson Clary – Ph.D. Oral Thesis Proposal
   Monday, April 7, 2:00 p.m., P412 Duff Roblin
   Can Clark’s nutcrackers (Nucifraga columbiana) Cache Cooperatively?

Honours Dinner
   Friday, April 25, 2014, Marshall McLuhan Hall, University Centre
   Tickets ($20.00) available from Sue now!