

Jeanne Paquette has touched the lives of hundreds of students (approximately 291) as the guiding hand managing the undergraduate programs at the Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences at McGill University since 2008. As a remarkably well-rounded geologist, she has taught a variety of courses in mineralogy, petrology, sedimentology, paleontology, and Earth history and this breadth translates into knowledgeable and nuanced advising strategies as she guides students toward their desired careers.

Jeanne's dedication to individual solutions to every students' needs has resulted in decades of student success, high recruitment rates into our majors and a remarkable retention of McGill students in Earth Science careers. Jeanne is known for accounting for every aspect of a student's transcript and goals before advising a course choice or research project, and then providing complete and detailed instructions to ensure students can take advantage of every opportunity. McGill students know to follow Jeanne's instructions to the letter, and rapidly learn that if they miss deadlines or fail to respond adequately, she will let them know!

At the same time, she works hard behind the scenes supporting her colleagues to raise the overall level of support for students throughout the department. From pedagogical and mentoring advice, to an iron-grip on the formal and informal rules and requirements for graduation and for professional accreditation, Jeanne's expertise and hidden hand results in better outcomes for the whole department. Jeanne can be relied upon to advocate for students when they need help, including explaining to colleagues how to best meet their responsibilities to struggling students. Jeanne's contributions to the lives and careers of these 291+ majors and minors, as well as the support she provides that increases the quality of student experiences across her department, are grounds for recognition and gratitude. Her colleagues and former students are indebted to Jeanne Paquette for her dedication, her expertise, her wisdom, and her consistent mentoring from which they have all benefited.