

# SONOGRAPHY WEEK

**“Catch the Wave”**

October 7-13, 2019

## MEMBER/VOLUNTEER PROFILE: *Helping to develop the future of the profession*

### Laura Thomas, CRGS



Laura Thomas began her career working in radiography. Although she loved the job, it was quickly evident to her that working nights was not a good fit. So, ultrasound was her next step. She worked in hospitals in Hamilton, Burlington and Toronto for the first few years and then moved to British Columbia. She lived on Vancouver Island and worked in Nanaimo while offering a portable ultrasound service to veterinarians.

After moving back to Ontario, she began her Masters in Ultrasound at Charles Sturt University and began teaching at Mohawk College in 2011. She recently moved into the role of Associate Dean for the Allied Health and Medical Radiation Sciences program at Mohawk College.

When asked how she feels her career path has helped develop the future of the profession, she had this to say:

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*“There is definitely merit in pursuing a Masters degree after acquiring some on-the-job experience. It brought very practical insight to all facets of my studies. Because I had been in the field for some time, my pursuit of education allowed me to see sonography in a fresh light and begin to enjoy it like I was a new grad again. One of the hopes for obtaining my Master in Medical Ultrasound was to be eligible to teach for Mohawk, and I was fortunate enough to be hired in 2011. I enjoyed teaching the next generation of sonographers. After shaping the minds of individual students, I welcomed the opportunity to serve as the Associate Dean, thereby giving me the chance to shape the future of sonography education. I see great opportunities for growth in our field in the coming years and I am excited to be a part of this. By being part of Sonography Canada I have had many opportunities to travel, meet new people in our field and continually learn along the way. So to all the stressed students out there, remember this: Don’t forget to breathe and drop your shoulders out of your ears.”*

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### FAVOURITE EXPRESSION

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

*Melony Beattie*