

Biological Sciences

Lea Merrifield

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Lea's love of biology shines through her commitment to her coursework, her wonder and curiosity toward the world, and her steadfast mentorship of others. Lea is an excellent student, achieving solid mastery of complex course concepts across a wide range of subjects. She is a beloved tutor of all three core courses for biology majors, and is frequently lauded by students and instructors for her detailed review materials, supportive nature, and pressure-relieving humor. She regularly volunteers for community outreach events, further extending the reach of her positivity. For her scholarship, support of others, creativity, and dedication to the advancement of science, Lea Merrifield is the Outstanding Student of Biology for 2024-2025.