For his diligent study, exceptional course scores and genuine passion for piecing scientific details into a cohesive understanding of biology, Martin Hartsel is awarded the Outstanding Student of the Year in the Department of Biological Sciences for 2019-20. As a military veteran is it not surprising that he is respectful and professional, but his humble nature and desire to develop a sense of community in those around him is most impressive. As a thoughtful, patient and effective tutor in both the Biology and Chemistry departments, Martin encourages his peers and students, but also makes them feel at ease throughout their learning process as he guides them to a more integrated understanding of the natural world.