



An integral member of the campus community for 22 years, Sally-Jo was hired by founding faculty member Dr. Larry Cohen to be a lab technician for the biology department. Since then, she has been involved in a number of major projects and initiatives in the sciences department, including setting up labs in Science Halls I and II.

Sally-Jo's commitment to the students, faculty and staff of chemistry and biochemistry department, where she has spent the last 18 years, is evident everywhere. She spearheaded modifications to make the lab rooms more accessible and user friendly for students in wheelchairs. She implemented safer, more cost effective and environmentally friendly methods for disposing of chemicals, and she has often taken on the duties of equipment technician.

If something needs doing in the department, Sally-Jo is on it. She purchases and prepares chemicals and supplies for more than 40 classes, keeps up with inventory, and looks for ways to keep costs low and minimize waste. She does all of this while also working with students to maximize their lab experiences and with faculty to find new applications for their experiments.

Over the years, Sally-Jo's job and responsibilities have changed, but one thing that has remained the same is her dedication to our mission. She works closely with other science departments, serves on the University Safety Committee, and delivers impeccable customer service. She is a selfless leader, genuinely interested in the ideas and input of others and is always willing to do whatever it takes to implement the best solutions.