UC Davis Intensive Brewing Science Scholarship Recipient Announced

The Pink Boots Society is proud to announce that Lee Lord of Cambridge Brewing Company in Massachusetts is the recipient of the University of California, Davis Extension Intensive Brewing Science for Practical Brewing scholarship.

Chosen by the PBS Scholarship Selection Committee (SSC), five very experienced women beer professionals who hold positions as brewers, educators and writers, they chose Lee to receive this scholarship due to her “longstanding dedication to her craft and the industry as well as her dedication to improving herself.” In addition, “She has been a part of the Pink Boots in Boston since inception and there are zero doubts of her influence on the female community of beer in the region.”

Lee has been a professional brewer for more than a decade, when she says she, “was lucky enough to break into the industry at a time where apprenticeship and rising through the ranks was more the norm.” She has worked at both small brewpubs and large scale production facilities but even with that experience Lee says,” At this point in my career I’m starting to find that I’m being overlooked for promotion by those with more of a classroom educational background.” Instead of being one of a handful of brewers, her goal is to become head brewer and then lead the team, a goal that will be furthered by adding this course as formal training to her resume.

Beyond improving herself through this course, Lee is looking forward to being able to share her experience, as other scholarship recipients have shared theirs with her. As an active member of her regional chapter Lee was involved with the Pink Boots collaboration brew for the last two years. Besides creating a beer she also made numerous friends, women she has been able to turn to for advice and encouragement. Of the women in the beer industry, she says, “We are a force together.”

University of California, Davis Extension Intensive Brewing Science for Practical Brewing course is a five day on-site course that offers an intensive introduction to the sciences of brewing, engineering and brewing practice. Attendees will learn the technological and biochemical aspects of the entire brewing process from world renowned instructors Drs. Charles Bamforth and Michael Lewis. Topics of the interactive lecture sessions cover all aspects of brewing from raw materials to fermentation to quality control and sensory evaluation.

In addition to attending the course, Lee will receive a pair of pink steel-toe rubber boots when she fulfills the Pay It Forward requirement associated with the scholarship.