

"Wow, I can't believe I'm standing up here right now, it is incredible! I want to thank you all so much for all the support that everyone has given me! I never thought I would get an award for doing what I enjoy doing. The Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury (LDAS) is most likely the biggest reason I'm even here today. So, I just want to take a minute and thank them for all they have done for me in the past few years. I have been on the radio, been in the newspaper and even had a blog about me online. I feel kind a like a superstar!

I also want to thank my family for helping me when I needed it. With everyone's support I have learned that my disability is only a part of who I am, and though I will never overcome my learning disability, I have learned to cope with the fact that I learn differently. My learning disability has helped me to discover my strengths. I must say, I am a rather successful computer programmer and game developer, dispute my challenges in reading and writing. I have chosen to pursue a career that requires multiple languages, but computer language is one I understand. I see this as a huge accomplishment!

Anyways, I just want to thank all of you and thank you for this award. It just goes to show that with a little hard work you can do whatever you want to. Thank you