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## CANADIAN ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2024 AWARD WINNERS

*Award winners selected based on leadership skills, outstanding service and advancement of the profession*

**CALGARY, AB | MAY 1, 2024** — The Canadian Athletic Therapists Association (CATA) is pleased to announce the winners of its 2024 annual awards program. The CATA Awards recognize those who have excelled in the fields of athletic therapy, demonstrating leadership on the field, in the classroom and across the community.

This year, CATA is pleased to recognize over 120 winners in thirteen prestigious award categories including:

- John Boulay and Khatija Westbrook, Hall of Fame Award
- Nicole Smith and Kelsie Stunden, Merit Award
- Kerri Downer, Distinguished Educator Award
- Helena De Fazio, Honorary Member
- Trisha Scribbans, Special Recognition Award
- Jacqueline Vandertuin, Jordan Rogers, Writing Award
- Jaclyn Arduini, Research Grant
- Dariana Al-Salam, Scholarship Award
- Stephanie Lowther, George Borden Exchange Bursary Award

“On behalf of CATA, I would like to extend a huge congratulations to this year’s award recipients, who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership, commitment and dedication to the profession,” said Kristen Kidd, CATA Board of Directors President. “Certified Athletic Therapists play such an important role in injury prevention, rehabilitation and optimizing performance. I am extremely proud of all our members for their work across the country.”

Winners were selected based on a number of factors, including their leadership skills, contributions to the Association and commitment to advancing the profession.

Award winners will be honoured at the 2024 CATA Conference, held from May 9 to 11 in Ottawa, Ontario.

For more information on CATA, including award criteria and this year's winners, please visit [athletictherapy.org/about/award-winners-2024](https://athletictherapy.org/about/award-winners-2024).

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### **ABOUT THE CANADIAN ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION**

CATA is the certifying and governing body for Certified Athletic Therapists practicing in Canada. We are dedicated to the advancement and growth of the Athletic Therapy profession through advocacy, education, and research. CATA represents over 3,000 members who are experts in treating injuries to the musculoskeletal system (muscles, bones, and joints), including injury prevention, assessment, rehabilitation, and re-conditioning.

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