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CANADIAN ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2025 AWARD WINNERS

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

CALGARY, AB | MAY 30, 2025 — The Canadian Athletic Therapists Association (CATA) is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2025 annual awards program. This year's award recipients exemplify the highest standards of excellence in athletic therapy, and their achievements reflect the dedication and passion that define the profession.

This year, CATA is proud to recognize over 63 winners in five distinguished categories along with long-time members and volunteers. Each recipient reflects the meaningful ways members of our profession are making an impact, including:

- Adrienne Dorn, Merit Award
- Brandon Ladouceur, Merit Award
- Chelsea Travis, Merit Award
- Jennifer Dunn, Merit Award
- Jim Ramsay, Merit Award
- Mark Francisco, Merit Award
- Megan Drouin, Merit Award
- Noah Boisvenue, Merit Award
- Sebastian Buna, Merit Award
- Erin Dupuis, George Borden Exchange Bursary Award
- Benjamin Selmanovic, Writing Award
- Erin Dupuis, Scholarship Award

"I extend my heartfelt congratulations to this year's award recipients, who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, commitment and dedication to the advance of athletic therapy," said Schad Richea, President of the CATA Board of Directors. "Athletic therapists are essential to injury prevention, rehabilitation, and optimizing performance. I am immensely proud of our members across the country who continue to provide hope, care, and support to those in need, including many who are celebrating 25 and even 50 years of membership."

This year's winners include Norman Calder, recognized for 50 years of membership. Alongside long-serving members, this year saw a significant number of members recognized with the prestigious Merit Award, which honours individuals who have saved a life or delivered outstanding emergency care. These recognitions highlight the impact CATA members continue to have within the field and across their communities.

A complete list of award recipients, including long-time members honoured for reaching 25-and 50-year membership milestones, is available on CATA's website. For more information on CATA, including award criteria, please visit <u>athletictherapy.org/about/award-winners-2025</u>.

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ABOUT THE CANADIAN ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION

CATA is the certifying and governing body for Certified Athletic Therapists practicing in Canada. Established in 1965 by a group of Athletic Therapists working with professional hockey and football teams, CATA now represents over 3,000 members. We are dedicated to the advancement and growth of the athletic therapy profession through advocacy, education, and research.

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