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CANADIAN ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2026 AWARD WINNERS

Celebrating the professionals behind Canada's highest standards in athletic therapy, recovery, and performance nationwide

CALGARY, AB | APRIL 14, 2026 – The Canadian Athletic Therapists Association (CATA) is proud to announce the winners of its 2026 annual awards. The CATA Awards celebrate individuals whose dedication, leadership, service, and excellence continue to strengthen the Association and the profession of athletic therapy. This year's recipients exemplify the highest standards of professionalism and commitment to care.

This year, CATA is thrilled to recognize over 80 winners in nine prestigious award categories, including:

- Frances Flint and Connie Klassen, Hall of Fame Awards
- Émilie Audette, Merit Award
- Becky Swan, George Borden Exchange Bursary
- Meagan Tocher, Research Grant
- Sabrina-Desia Suppa, Scholarship Award
- Sarah Bohunicky and Alyssa Morris, Writing Awards

"I am incredibly proud of our members across the country who are making a meaningful difference in how people prevent injury, recover, and perform at their best. This year's award recipients represent the very best of our profession, and their leadership, dedication, and impact continue to raise the bar for athletic therapy nationwide," said Schad Richea, President of the CATA Board of Directors. "These contributions are part of the broader impact of the profession being felt every day."

Winners were selected based on their leadership, contributions to the profession and the Association, and their commitment to advancing standards of care. Writing award winners were also recognized for producing thoughtful, high-quality research on key issues related to athletic therapy.

Award recipients will be honoured at the 2026 CATA Conference, taking place from April 30 - May 2, 2026, in Calgary, Alberta, where Certified Athletic Therapists and other healthcare professionals from across the country will come together to share insights on the advancement of the profession.

CATA will also recognize long-term members who reached 25 years of membership in 2025, as well as volunteers whose terms have concluded or will conclude in 2026.

For more information on CATA, including award criteria and this year's winners, please visit athletictherapy.org/about/award-winners-2026.

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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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