

## **Honourary Barley Ring 2022 – Joy Galloway-Jones**

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One of the most remarkable things about the 2022 Honourary Barley Ring recipient is her dedication to not only student academic success, but her dedication to enhancing the overall student experience. She is an advocate for students in the classroom, in athletics, and in their future careers. She is enthusiastic about agriculture and especially about the AC community.

This individual encapsulates and perfectly demonstrates what it means to be an Aggie.

The recipient of the 2022 Honourary Barley Ring is Joy Galloway-Jones.

Joy has proven time and time again that she is dedicated to student success on the Agricultural Campus, holding a number of different student-focused positions since 2013. Joy is currently the Manager of Work Integrated Learning programs on campus, a position which she originated in 2017, and in which she shines. As the manager of the Aggie WIL program, she has worked to help students network and create meaningful connections in the agricultural industry, many of which have led to students jumpstarting their careers in agriculture. Joy has taught students how to conduct themselves professionally and appropriately while working in the agriculture and agri-food industry. Her students have learned many valuable life and career skills through their involvement with the Aggie WIL program.

On top of her day job, Joy is also the Dal AC advisor for the World University Services of Canada, commonly known as WUSC. Through the WUSC program, Dalhousie provides support for a student refugee for all expenses during the first year and tuition and fees for the duration of their undergraduate program.

However, Joy is probably best known on campus for being the very dedicated coach of Dal AC’s very successful cross country running team. Every year since 2009, Joy has given up several evenings and mornings a week during the two-month cross country season to work with the team. On top of this, she continues to coach the athletes year-round, staying present via social media. Team members report that she is extremely encouraging and pushes them to get out of their comfort zones. If you’d like to get an appreciation for the kind of training she leads, find the steepest hill in Victoria Park and run up it seven or eight times. Most importantly, Joy makes running fun, and cares deeply about her athletes. She and her wife Keltie ensure the team is well-fed for every race day. And she makes sure that the athletes never forget that “running makes you smarter.”

Joy's hard work has paid off over the last 13 years. The cross country team is one of the most decorated varsity teams in Dal AC's history in the ACAA, with many individual podium finishes and several league titles. Joy has also been named ACAA Coach of the Year more than once during her tenure with the team, an award voted on by all coaches in the league.

Joy is very involved in the Truro community as well, as a regular volunteer with many organizations. Among her many achievements, she is the Truro Fire Services' first female officer on the ground and was recently presented with the Community Perseverance ACE Award by the Fundy Female Leadership Network. Joy has been a captain with Truro Fire Services for three years, and a lieutenant before that. She is an inspiration to everyone around her.

One of my favourite memories of orientation is the DASA Bonfire that Joy hosts, where she tells stories and does school chants. Just another example of how involved and committed Joy truly is.

She always encourages students to share their successes and achievements and is extremely proud of her students and athletes. Joy spends much of her free time giving back to the community and to the AC, and is an all-around encouraging, supportive and caring person with a passion for agriculture and student success.

These are things that make Joy an Aggie through and through, and what makes her so deserving of this year's Honourary Barley Ring. I know, and I'm sure all of you agree, that Joy will wear the Barley Ring with pride as she continues to lead students and represent Dal AC.