6th Annual Dalhousie Student IMPACT AWARDS

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Welcome

TO THE 6TH ANNUAL DALHOUSIE IMPACT AWARDS

A collaboration of the Dalhousie Student Union and Dalhousie Student Affairs, to celebrate your achievements.

ORDER OF EVENTS

Land Recognition

Masters of Ceremonies
Cory Larsen and Lina El-Setouhy

Welcome
Dalhousie President Richard Florizone and DSU President Kathleen Reid

Dinner, Presentation of Impact Awards and Live Performances

Closing Remarks
Vice-Provost Student Affairs, Dr. Arig al Shaibah
Congratulations from Richard Florizone, President, Dalhousie University

The Impact Awards are an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to come together and celebrate the tremendous contributions Dalhousie students and student groups make on our campus and in the greater community. These contributions take many different forms and highlight the diverse backgrounds, interests and talents of our students.

The groups and individuals being recognized are making the most of their time at Dal; seizing opportunities and opening themselves up to new experiences and perspectives. They are a reminder of what can be accomplished through creativity, passion and engagement.

I want to thank our students for their commitment to making a difference, and am confident this is a trend that will continue throughout their lives.

A message from Kathleen Reid, Dalhousie Student Union President

Welcome to this year’s Impact Awards! What a fantastic way to celebrate Dalhousie’s student leaders. Thank you for taking this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and effort that folks have put into our community. You, the students, are the driving force behind what makes this institution as accomplished as it is, and I urge you to take credit for it.

These award recipients are not just enhancing their own university experience. They selflessly give back to their peers and to the greater community in so many different ways. We have an amazing roster of folks receiving awards tonight, but it is important to recognize that it is an incredible privilege to be able to take on a student leadership role. The more we share in our success, the better our community becomes. I encourage you to consider the collective successes in your life that are worth mentioning on a daily basis.

Congratulations to all winners, in society, athletics, social justice, academics, and so much more. Your optimism, perseverance, and dedication to respect, have set an example that the Dalhousie Student Union is honoured to recognize.
Dalhousie students are known for their academic excellence. Their achievements outside of the classroom are equally impressive. The Impact Awards celebration was created as an annual event hosted by the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) in collaboration with Dalhousie University, to recognize outstanding individuals and their contributions to our community.

There are three major award categories and over 30 Impact Awards available to recognize student leadership in academic life, student life and community service, and residence life. Recipients of these awards are determined by the DSU Impact Awards Selection Committee. The awards students receive at this event will become part of their Dalhousie Co-Curricular Record, further recognizing the tremendous impact on Dalhousie University life that each of these students are making.
RESIDENCE LIFE LEADER AWARDS
Awarded to current residence students in positions of leadership (such as a Resident Assistant) who have best demonstrated an exceptional level of maturity and professionalism. They encourage and empower students to engage in student life, they lead by example and work to improve the life of the residence hall.

James Caldwell
Management, Belledune, NB
• President of Shirreff Hall Residence Council
• Represented Dalhousie at 2016 East Coast Student Leadership Conference
• Fully committed to the residence community through positivity, encouragement, and inclusiveness
• Has worked diligently to make Shirreff Hall a welcoming environment in which to live

Felicia Halliday
Science, Mission, BC
• Dedicated to such initiatives as ThinkPink, Residence Charity Face-Off, ResTalks, Peer Led On-Going Training Sessions, and Ecolypmics
• Planned numerous fundraisers for Breast Cancer Awareness
• Presenter of the importance of self care for RAs
• Mentor for new and returning RAs

RESIDENCE LIFE IMPACT AWARDS
Awarded to current members of each residence hall community who have made outstanding contributions to the life of their residence community, led by example by encouraging and empowering residents to get involved, promote respect, and create opportunities for their peers.

Alexandra Geist
Arts & Social Sciences, Etobicoke, ON
• 3 years of Residence and Residence Life experience
• Mentor to students, student leaders, and Residence Assistants
• Advocate for Mental Health Awareness
• Actively creates space for students to express their authentic selves

Jorge Plaza
Engineering, Guayaquil, Guayas, Ecuador
• Vice-President of Bronson House Council
• Organized 24-hour charity live-stream to support Save the Children
• Active member of the Rotaract club of Dalhousie University

Sarah Savoy
Science, Campbell, NB
• President of Risley Hall Residence Society
• Led a robust team of student leaders in residence
• Increased student engagement and community identity through programming

Brodie Parker
Science & Management, Red Deer, AB
• President of Mini-Residence Residence Council
• Has a strong commitment to building community engagement
• Seeks opportunities to bring new initiatives to his community to benefit the overall student experience
• Creative and inspiring leader
MOST IMPACTFUL RESIDENCE COUNCIL
Awarded to the residence council that has demonstrated consistency in event planning and delivery, has high participation and attendance of their membership and sets an example for other councils. This council also acts as a strong advocate for the individuals it serves.

Shirreff Hall Residence
• Shirreff Hall Residence Council (SHRC) spent the month of October raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness Nova Scotia
• Collected toys, books, gift cards, and many other items for Adsum House in November and December
• Successfully advocated for students who live in Shirreff Hall to ensure they would have easy access to food services and good study spaces during the exam period

OFF-CAMPUS LEADERSHIP AWARD
Awarded to an outstanding off-campus student leader who has demonstrated significant leadership, commitment, and service aimed at improving their community.

Martha Paynter
Health Professions, Halifax, NS
• Chaired Halifax branch of Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF)
• Volunteer doula through Chebucto Family Centre/IWK Health Centre
• Founder of Women’s Wellness Within (WWW)
• Coordinates one-on-one volunteer doula support at Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility and Nova Institution for Women federal prison, and facilitates monthly women’s health workshops
• Organized school-wide letter-writing campaign calling for action for refugee safety and health; 500 students participated
• VP Community Affairs for Dalhousie University Nursing Society
• Conducted a national consultation on behalf of Halifax Breastfeeding Community of Practice Milk Bank Working Group
• Director of newly incorporated Atlantic Milk Bank Coalition

MOST IMPACTFUL GENERAL OR SPECIAL INTEREST SOCIETY
Awarded to a student society ratified with the Dalhousie Student Union that caters to the general or niche interests of students, and has demonstrated consistency in planning and delivery of programming or events, high student participation and attendance of their

Dalhousie Feminist Legal Association
• Has worked to foster gender equality in the law and greater sense of community through a variety of programs
• DFLA Feminist Legal Supplement Speaker Series features public talks on current feminist issues in the practice of law
• Has partnered over a dozen practitioners with DFLA student members as feminist legal mentors, where women were introduced to the variety of career options
• Court Watch Training program has given students the tools to provide a critical perspective on court room procedures
• Contributed photos to the #LawNeedsFeminismBecause initiative where participants were sharing personal reasons for why they believe law needs feminism
• Members have given workshops to Dalhousie nursing students, Millbrook First Nation Youth Centre, Girls 2017 Conference, YWCA PowerCamp, LEAF members at large, and previous participants of the Young Immigrant Women’s Leadership Program
MOST IMPACTFUL
COMPETITIVE SPORTS SOCIETY

Awarded to a student society or sports club ratified with the Dalhousie Student Union that has selective membership and/or competes in intramural leagues. Has demonstrated consistency in planning and delivery of programming or events, high student participation and attendance of their membership and sets an example for other student societies.

Dalhousie Football Club

• Had an undefeated season and won its first championship since 1954
• Set a team record for attendance with thousands of students and community members attending throughout the season
• Had an exclusively student-led executive for the first time in club history
• Offered free admission and jersey days for local minor football programs around HRM and to local high schools

MOST IMPACTFUL
NON-COMPETITIVE SPORTS SOCIETY

Awarded to a student sports society or sports club ratified with the Dalhousie Student Union that has open membership. Has demonstrated consistency in planning and delivery of programming or events, high student participation and attendance of their membership and sets an example for other student societies.

Dalhousie Badminton Club

• Aids students as well as community members in finding resources to improve their skills
• Organizes annual tournaments for students in collaboration with the Dalhousie Malaysian Society
• Helped organize and promote the Dal After Dark badminton tournament for international students
• Has a record number of members this year with more than 50 students

INTRAMURAL & SPORTS CLUBS
LIVE WELL @ DAL AWARD

Awarded to a Dalhousie intramural or sports club participant who demonstrates significant commitment to Dalhousie's intramural or sports club programs, exemplifies the role of intramurals and/or sports clubs in developing and promoting student engagement and fun on campus and demonstrates positive leadership and inspires others to get involved.

Jenna Hare
Science, Quebec City, PQ

• Master’s Marine Biology & Oceanography Sports Representative
• Has captained three intramural teams this year and participated on five
• Dedicated to ensuring that students within her faculty have the opportunity to participate in Dal’s intramural programming
• Has demonstrated the right balance of intensity and fun when she is playing and ensures that the players on her team do the same
TIGERS LIVE WELL @ DAL AWARD

Awarded to a Dalhousie varsity student-athlete who demonstrates significant contribution to the community, has increased awareness at Dalhousie of a given charity or cause and demonstrates positive leadership and inspires others to get involved.

Scarlett Smith
Health Professions, Wolfville, NS

- Captain of Dalhousie Women’s Soccer Team
- Member of the Dalhousie Nursing Society
- Volunteer with Best Buddies program, Dalhousie Right to Play Society, and Dalhousie Special Tigers
- Volunteer with Frontier College Syrian Program, where she has tutored newcomer Syrian children in math and English
- Campus Leader of the Student Athlete Mental Health Initiative which works to eliminate the negative stigma around mental health and provide resources to athletes and coaches
- Volunteer at the IWK Health Centre in the Centre for Pediatric Pain research lab
- Recipient of the Lockward Memorial Scholarship, awarded to a Dalhousie nursing student for excellence in the classroom and contributions to their community
- Winner of the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) Community Service Award
- Academic All-Canadian as a soccer player and nursing student

STUDENT WELLNESS
LIVE WELL @ DAL AWARD

Awarded to the student who best demonstrates leadership in promoting and contributing to a healthy campus, is a role model for health and wellness both in practice and by impacting others to lead a healthy lifestyle (demonstrated through peer-to-peer education, volunteering, service learning, global outreach, or any activity that enhances quality of life and development).

Stefanie Machado
Health Professions, Abu Dhabi, UAE

- Co-founder and Co-President of Health Promotion Society
- Health Promotion Undergraduate Representative
- Representative of Health Promotion program at Dal Lead Conference
- Third-year Representative and Secretary of Student Association of Health and Human Performance
- Facilitated 6th Global Forum on Health Promotion
Aisha Abawajy  
Computer Science, Halifax, NS  
• Orientation Week student leader  
• Member of DSU Elections Committee, Student Life Committee, and External Action Committee; involved in organizing the Day of Action, DSU’s Annual Charity Ball, Munro Day ski trip  
• Applied Computer Science Representative of the Computer Science Society  
• Treasurer of the Dalhousie African Students Association  
• Represents the DSU on an internal panel evaluating the role of restorative justice as an alternative conflict resolution mechanism on campus

Melissa Beck  
Science, Calgary, AB  
• Social Coordinator and Gala Coordinator of Dalhousie Undergraduate Neuroscience Society  
• Treasurer and Co-President of Right to Play Dalhousie  
• Residence Assistant and volunteered at the YWCA as Team Leader for the 2015 Community Day  
• Member of the Black and Gold Dance Team  
• Has played on various soccer and European handball intramural teams

Gizelle de Guzman  
Management, Cremona, AB  
• Member of Dalhousie Entrepreneurship Society, Dalhousie Investment Society, and Rowe Marketing Association  
• Member of Enactus Society and involved with Project ReConnect, Syrian Can workshop, Autism Nova Scotia, and 2000 Trees event  
• Bronson House Sports & Recreation Representative and President of Bronson House  
• Presenter at the Dal Lead Conference 2017  
• Mental Health Youth Ambassador for Alberta Children’s Hospital  
• Volunteers for the Canadian Health Coalition and Halifax Cycling Coalition  
• Lifeguard and swim instructor at Centennial, Needham, and Dalplex pools

Melina Markotjohn  
Science, New Waterford, NS  
• Member of Student Life Committee and DSU Street Team  
• Donations Chair of Global Brigades  
• Member of Jack.org, Get Real, Let’s Talk Science, Dal Blood, Right to Play, and DalDance Society  
• Communication Representative on the Risley Hall Council; member of planning committee for the Risley Hall Gala 2017  
• Marketing Director of Students for Wishes  
• Member of Dal Lead Conference planning committee

Mariam Ragab  
Computer Science, Halifax, NS  
• Founder of RESULTs Canada–Dalhousie Chapter, dedicated to raising awareness and funds for developing countries, and to eradicating major global issues such as extreme poverty, tuberculosis, and polio  
• Social Representative of Sherriff Hall Residence Council  
• Member of Dal Lead Conference 2017 organizing committee  
• Presenter at Dal Lead Conference 2017  
• Member of the Global Vision Arctic Youth Ambassador Caucus

Sandra Sunil  
Science, Charlottetown, PEI  
• Social Representative of Shirreff Hall Residence Council  
• Member of Dalhousie Undergraduate Psychology Society (DUPS) and DUPS Representative on the Dalhousie Science Society (DSS) council  
• Member of DSS Social Committee  
• Presenter at Dal Lead Conference 2017  
• Presenter at the East Coast Student Leadership Conference
MOST IMPACTFUL COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIETY

Awarded to a student society ratified with the Dalhousie Student Union that is active in the Dalhousie community and beyond, providing services and addressing issues in the community. Has demonstrated consistency in planning and delivery of programming or events, high student participation and attendance of their membership and sets an example for other student societies.

Dalhousie BEAM: Because Everyone’s Ability Matters

• Links an inter-professional volunteer opportunity for students studying health with children with special needs and their families from the community at large
• Organized 16 sessions with different themes for children in which student volunteers work and play with children who have a range of physical and cognitive disabilities to provide a safe and friendly environment for the children and their families
• In first year of operation 18 out of the 25 spots for children were filled with little promotional activity
• In first term of operation, 30 full-time volunteers and 10 substitutes were recruited

GREEN AWARD

Awarded to a student who has made a significant contribution to improving awareness on sustainability issues at Dalhousie. This person’s actions reflect their passion for the environment and inspire others to make positive change.

Caroline Merner
Arts & Social Sciences, Victoria, BC

• Internal Director for Dalhousie Student Union Sustainability Office (DSUSO)
• Served on President’s Advisory Council on Sustainability on behalf of the DSU
• Coordination Team Member for Our Poles Our Planet Halifax Youth Conference
• DSU Farmers Market Volunteer
• Youth Ambassador for the Canadian Committee for the International Conservation of Nature (CCIUCN) at the World Conservation Congress
• Member of the Youth Advisory Council for UNESCO, for which she has gone to the UN headquarters to engage in sustainable development goals
• Board Member for the Canadian Commission for UNESCO where she is advising for the 9th UNESCO Youth Forum in Paris
• Canadian Delegate at the United Nations Youth Actions Summit on Sustainable Development Goals in New York
• Canadian Delegate for the 4th UNESCO World Congress on Biosphere Reserves in Lima, Peru
MOST IMPACTFUL CHARITABLE SOCIETY
Awarded to a student society ratified with the Dalhousie Student Union that has made a significant contribution to a charity and has increased awareness at Dalhousie of a given charity or cause. This society has also demonstrated consistency in planning and delivery of programming or events, fundraising efforts and high attendance at their membership and sets an example for other student societies.

Dalhousie Golden Key Society
• Runs a volunteer tutoring program to aid local high school students
• Held the Go Global Fair to support the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia
• Held a raffle at the annual society semi-formal in support of sending a child to camp
• Fundraised for the Movember foundation
• Held the Bring it for the Bees Basketball Tournament, an event to raise awareness of the declining bee population
• Held a holiday community toy drive for Adsum House
• Held a Coffee House in support of the Because I Am a Girl foundation
• Organized Spread the Net, a Pacifico Night to raise money for malaria nets

STUDENT ACTIVIST
Awarded to the Dalhousie student who demonstrates the highest level of passion and commitment to social justice, leads by example and inspires others to create change.

Sarah Baddeley
Law, Halifax, NS
• Executive Member and Education Coordinator of Halifax branch of the Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF)
• LEAF Liaison for the Dalhousie Feminist Legal Association
• Volunteer with the Dalhousie Student Advocacy Service
• Has made invaluable contributions to make access to health services for criminalized women a priority

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR
Awarded to the student who has demonstrated the highest level of excellence in leadership, engagement in the community, inspires others, and is a respected voice for international students at Dalhousie.

Hasmeet Singh Chandok
Computer Science, Ludhiana, Punjab, India
• Member of planning committee for UN Interfaith Harmony Halifax
• Spoke at NS Human Rights Commission annual award ceremony
• Founded Maritime Bhangra Group, which has worked with many charities to raise awareness and money for causes like prostate cancer, breast cancer, ALS, child pain, Canadian Blood Services, refugee settlement through Khalsa Aid UK
• Selected Halifax Hero by Metro News 2017
• Founded the Sikh Student Association at Dalhousie
MOST IMPACTFUL LEVIED SOCIETY

Awarded to a Type 1 Levied student society ratified with the Dalhousie Student Union that has demonstrated consistency in planning and delivery of programming or events, high student participation and attendance of their membership and sets an example for other student societies.

Dalhousie Medical Campus Response Team

- Provided first-aid and mental health services to athletic events, recreational activities, Orientation Week, DSU society gatherings, and many other events on campus
- Equipped student volunteers with first aid training and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills
- Hosted St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog sessions on the Dalhousie campus
- Introduced Let’s Talk, a student-run anonymous email service as part of its Mental Health Division
- Engaged students from all disciplines to promote safety, health, and well-being on campus

STUDENT ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated excellence in generating an innovative idea, concept, or business. The student uses their leadership, vision, and focus to make their ideas come to fruition.

Byung Jun Kang
Architecture and Planning, Bathurst, NB

- Co-founded PLANifax, a non-profit organization committed to educating the public on urban planning concepts and bringing awareness to issues in the city and its development
- Partnering with The Coast, PLANifax is on Season 5 of its 4–8-minute videos covering a range of topics including transit plans, bike lanes, invasive species, bridge redeckings, and much more.
- Their passion for planning is infectious and impactful. Their goal for PLANifax: “To be to planning what Bill Nye is to science!”

MOST IMPACTFUL CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL SOCIETY

Presented to a student society ratified with the DSU that has raised awareness, engaged students, and increased representation of a culture, religion, or spirituality on campus. It demonstrates consistency in event planning and delivery, high participation and attendance of its membership, and sets an example for other student societies.

Dalhousie African Students Association

- Participated in O-Week Cultural Society Expo and held O-Week African Drumming and Dance event
- Held a pumpkin carving event in partnership with Dal After Dark
- Held the Dalhousie Christmas Dinner in partnership with the Alumni Society and the International Centre for students who couldn’t go home for the holidays
- Partnered with the Nova Scotia Coalition of AIDS in its annual AIDS walk
- Had traditional African food catered for the first time at its AGM
- Held a panel discussion on the roles black women play in socio-economic development
- Organized the 23rd Annual African Night in collaboration with SMU
Awarded to a Dalhousie professor who has demonstrated a student-centered approach to teaching by going above and beyond for students and encouraging students to push the boundaries of their learning.

Dr. Marcella Firmini
Arts and Social Sciences, Political Science

“Dr. Firmini represents everything the DSU Teaching Award values. I have had many great professors at Dalhousie, who have shared with me incredible knowledge and who I’ve admired very much. However, if I were to select a professor who bases their career on being ‘student centric,’ it would without a doubt be Dr. Firmini.”

“Dr. Firmini’s warm personality and student-first teaching style fostered a further love for my major in my degree. Knowing that the political science department had professors like Dr. Firmini solidified why I chose my program and Dalhousie.”

MOST IMPACTFUL FACULTY SOCIETY

Awarded to the faculty society ratified with the DSU that has best demonstrated consistency in planning and delivery of programming or events, high student participation and attendance of their membership and sets an example for other student societies.

Dalhousie Medical Students’ Society

• Organized a charity event called Euphoria that raised more than $14,000 for Camp Triumph, a camp which caters to children of parents with life-threatening illnesses
• Two members sit on the board of the Canadian Federation of Medical Students with the mission of creating the best possible experience for medical students
• Organized the Wellness Week featuring cooking classes, yoga classes, pottery, and keynote speaker
• Participated in community outreach running programs like HOPES and Foot Clinic

DSU COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD FOR KING’S STUDENTS

Presented to the King’s student who is most highly engaged and takes on a leadership role at Dalhousie. This is the sister award to the KSU Community Engagement Award for Dalhousie students at King’s, which acknowledges the contribution of a Dalhousie student to the community at King’s College.

Marianna Saunders
Science, Halifax, NS

• Athlete and leader in her community
• Leader on King’s Volleyball Team and helped build team into a competitive program
• Volunteer at Cunard Learning Centre
• Excels both inside and outside of the classroom
MOST IMPACTFUL DEPARTMENTAL SOCIETY
Awarded to a student society ratified with the Dalhousie Student Union that has demonstrated consistency in planning and delivery of programming or events, high student participation and attendance of their membership and sets an example for other student societies.

Dalhousie Occupational Therapy Student Society
• Has garnered a 95% engagement rate of student participation in events
• Contributes weekly volunteers to Adsum House meal preparation and delivery
• Plans, leads, and hosts a one-day event for youth with disabilities, involving dozens of student volunteers
• Collaborating in a first-ever student-led interprofessional initiative called HOPES, providing health services for the community under preceptor supervision
• Won best performance in the For the Health of It challenge in the Faculty of Health Professions and raised over $5,000 for Mobile Outreach Street Health
• Three students and one OT staff rappelled down a downtown Halifax building to raise over $5,000 for Easter Seals
• Winners of gOT Spirit, a video contest for OT students across Canada
• Raised $450 to contribute to the Cayley Fox scholarship at SMU in memory of a student’s friend
• DOTSS Global Health Committee engaged in fundraising to support fellow students’ goals for international fieldwork

TOP DSU COUNCIL MEMBER
Awarded to the councillor who has demonstrated a commitment to collaborative problem solving, active representation of their constituency, and initiative in the pursuit of innovation.

Aaron Prosper
Science, Eskasoni First Nation, NS
• Aboriginal Students Community representative on the DSU council
• One of the head leaders for the Orientation Week 2016; took initiative to teach first-year students about Mi’kmaq culture
• Selected top presenter at Dal Lead Conference 2017 on the topic of Truth and Reconciliation
CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION

Awarded to students who demonstrate above average contributions to campus life over the course of a university career. Recipients have been active members of Dalhousie student societies, residence life, community engagement and other co-curricular involvement.

Gaurav Arora
Science, Yarmouth, NS
• President of Dalhousie Awareness of Bladder Cancer Society
• Third-Year Representative and President of Dalhousie Biochemistry Society
• Treasurer of Dalhousie Free Thought Society
• Treasurer of Dalhousie Diabetes Society
• Economics Peer Mentor for Chinese Students in the 2+2 China-Dalhousie Program
• Orientation Week Leader
• Shine Academics Volunteer Tutor
• Member of Dalhousie Indigenous Health Interest Group

Jasveen Brar
Science, Redcliff, AB
• Member of planning committee of Our Poles Our Planet conference
• Member of Dalhousie Association of Biology Students
• Member of Your Environment Sustainability Society
• Coordinator of the Halifax Science Fair for the past two years
• Recipient of Top 30 under 30 in Alberta and Dal Gazette Galhousie Award
• Featured in a book called “The Power of Youth”

Moamen Bydoun
Medicine, Halifax, NS
• President of Pathology Organization of Graduate Students
• Vice-President of Dalhousie Arabic Society and main organizer for the Arabic Cultural Gala, where $3,000 was raised to aid Syrian refugees
• Chair of executive organizing committee for Terry Fox Run Halifax
• Volunteer with Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute (BHCRI) and volunteer coordinator for their 2014 annual research conference
• Chair of organizing committee for the BHCRI cancer research workshop

Valancy Cole
Health Professions, Riverview, NB
• Social Director and Vice-President Charity of Dalhousie Student Pharmacy Society, where she raised more than $8,000 for Cerebral Palsy Association of Nova Scotia
• Vice-President Community Support and Engagement for the Health Sciences Student Association
• Founder and President of Because Everyone’s Ability Matters society
• Worked at a rehabilitation centre for children with special needs in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for two summers
• Volunteers at Swim Ability and Ronald McDonald House

Séline Dogan
Management, Gaziantep, Turkey
• Founder and President of SAP Next-Gen Consulting
• President of Dalhousie Entrepreneurship Society and main organizer of the Dalhousie Innovation Symposium 2016
• Project Manager of Enactus Financial Literacy Project
• As the University Innovation Fellow, was trained by Stanford University to become the “agent of change” around campus
• Project lead for Canada’s Business Model Competition
• Served as Student Entrepreneur in Residence for the Norman Newman Centre for Entrepreneurship

Masuma Asad Khan
Science, Halifax, NS
• Campaigns and Outreach Coordinator of DSU Equity and Accessibility Office
• President of Muslim Students Association
• Organized panel and discussion on World Hijab Day
• Organized vigil at Dalhousie following the mosque attack in Quebec
• Speakers at the Women’s March in Halifax
Katie MacLellan  
Science, Dartmouth, NS  
- Coordinator of 2016 DSU O-Week  
- Sat on Dalhousie University Orientation Committee  
- Dalhousie Shinerama Volunteer  
- Member of Emergency Choir Operation  
- Member of Get REAL Dal  
- Member of Dalhousie Undergraduate Neuroscience Society  
- Campus tour guide and DSU member services employee

Reginald Manzer  
Management, Saint John, NB  
- General Manager and Executive Member of Enactus society  
- Presenter at Dal Lead Conference 2017  
- Volunteer with Red Cross Personal Disaster Team and Ecology Action Centre  
- Social Enterprise for a Day, for 2 years  
- Volunteered with veterans at QEII Health Sciences Centre

Alicia Roy  
Science, Ottawa, ON  
- Member of Dalhousie Medical Campus Response Team  
- Member of Dalhousie Best Buddies Chapter  
- Volunteer at IWK Health Centre in the playroom of the oncology department and the emergency room  
- One of Dalhousie’s student delegates at the East Coast Student Leadership Conference  
- President of Golden Key International Honour Society; organized such events as Go Global Fair, educational toy drive for tweens and teens at a local women and children’s shelter, basketball tournament, and Zumbathlon  
- Hugh P. Bell Award recipient

Andra Sterea  
Science, Halifax, NS  
- Volunteer, Vice-President, and President of Dalhousie Health Initiatives Society  
- Treasurer and President of Dalhousie Arabic Society, where she has raised $3,000 for Syrian refugees  
- Co-President of Dalhousie Language Council  
- Co-Organizer of 2016 Terry Fox Run in Halifax, which raised over $19,000 for Terry Fox Research Institute

Matthew To  
Medicine, Toronto, ON  
- Founder and Executive Member of Health and Social Justice Interest Group  
- Member of Advocate in Global Health Program  
- Member of Dalhousie Chapter of Canadian Doctors for Medicare  
- Member of Dalhousie Health Professions Chorale  
- Member of Foot Clinic held at St. Andrew’s Church  
- One of the recipients of 2015 Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Awards for demonstrating leadership through school involvement, community activities, superior communication skills, and academic excellence  
- Recipient of a 2016 College of Family Physicians of Canada Medical Student Scholarship

Christopher Wieczorek  
Arts and Social Sciences, Victoria, BC  
- Vice-President Academic of Dalhousie Arts and Social Sciences Society (DASSS)  
- Served on Student Matters Committee, Academic Appeals Committee, Academic and Development Committee, and Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Committee  
- Chair and chief organizer of DASSS Undergraduate Academic Conference 2017  
- Vice-President Internal of Dalhousie Political Science Society  
- Volunteer for IWK Charity Hockey Series
GOLD D

Awarded to Dalhousie students to recognize an elite level of involvement and achievement in campus life over the course of their university career. These students have shown outstanding extracurricular contributions in the community.

Will Brien  
Science, Sydney, NS  
- Student Refugee Program Coordinator for World University Services Canada (WUSC); helped double the number of students WUSC can bring to Dal  
- Member of Dalhousie Football Team for three years  
- Delegate on Dal’s 2017 Model UN team  
- Vice-President of Dalhousie Neuroscience Society  
- Volunteer in cellular neurology lab that focuses on learning and memory  
- Neuroscience Department Leadership Award recipient

Kati George-Jim  
Arts and Social Sciences, Victoria, BC  
- Sits on Dalhousie’s Board of Governors  
- President, VP Academic, and First-Year Representative for Dalhousie Arts and Social Sciences Society  
- VP Internal and First-Year Representative for Undergraduate Political Science Society  
- Member of Howe Hall Council

Natasha Larivee  
Medicine, Saint John, NB  
- Med 1 Class Curriculum Representative and Local Officer for Sexual and Reproductive Health (LORSH) on Global Health Initiative.  
- Helped organize Trans Health Experience informational seminar  
- Began fundraising efforts for an ultrasound machine for St. Joseph’s Hospital Prenatal Clinic  
- Initiator of Sexual Health Outreach (SHOUT) program at Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick  
- Created Let’s Talk About Sex!? program in collaboration with KV Oasis Youth Centre

Molly MacDonald  
Management, Stellarton, NS  
- Second-Year Representative of Dalhousie Commerce Society and Dalhousie Accounting Society (DAS)  
- Co-chaired Second Year Case Competition  
- Logistics Coordinator and DCS WIBA Representative for Women in Business Association  
- External Relations Officer of DAS Executive  
- Events Coordinator for Atlantic Throwdown OC  
- Co-Coordinator for Volunteer Tax Clinic  
- Recipient of inaugural DCS Scholarship for contributions to the Commerce program  
- Member of Rowe JDCC Academics MIS team, current JDCC co-captain, and JDCC Rep on the DCS Council  
- Represented Dalhousie as part of the SAP Alliances group at the Global SAP TechEd Conference in Las Vegas

Rachele Manett  
Health Professions, Toronto, ON  
- Strong leader in advocating for gender-inclusive spaces and inclusion of people with mental health challenges, on and off campus  
- Respect Representative for Human Rights and Equity Services  
- President of DalOUT society  
- Program Coordinator for Our Jam, where she co-created therapeutic recreation music program for people living with mental health challenges and mental illness  
- Student Director of Therapeutic Recreation Association of Atlantic Canada  
- Co-Chair of Recreation Orientation  
- President of Student Association for Health and Human Performance

Ashley Whelan  
Science, Halifax, NS  
- Volunteer ESL tutor with Halifax Refugee Clinic  
- Volunteer at IWK Ronald McDonald Family Room, where she initiated and runs a weekly arts and crafts program for children staying in the hospital  
- Volunteer with Nova Scotia Health Authority Moving Forward Program  
- Organized three Christmas concerts for in-patients at the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre and Veteran’s Memorial Hospital  
- Treasurer of Dalhousie Undergraduate Neuroscience Society (DUNS) and organized DUNS charity gala  
- Orientation Week Leader for three years
FACULTY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Awarded to a student in good academic standing in each Dalhousie faculty. These students exemplify the highest level of passion for their discipline, take initiative in creating new opportunities, and encourage their peers to engage in faculty events. Faculty Leadership Award winners positively impact other students in their faculty and the reputation of their faculty outside of the classroom.

Architecture and Planning

Sarah Bercu
Planning, Ste Adele, PQ

• Served on School of Planning Graduate Planning Students Society (GPS) and on School and faculty committees
• Served on hiring committee for the new Faculty Director of Career Services
• Teacher’s Assistant and frequently shares her skills in representation design with many of her student colleagues
• Maintains excellent academic standing

Arts and Social Sciences

Emma Cruddas
Arts and Social Sciences, Dartmouth, NS

• Chair of World University Service of Canada Dalhousie, Halifax Campus Committee
• Provided contributions as an actor, choreographer, facilitator, singer, songwriter, for Human Rights education project, ARC (Action, Responsibility, Choice) and has visited more than 100 schools and was recognized with Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission Organizational Award in 2015
• Her oral presentation skills and flair for theatrics enliven the classroom and broader academic community
• Excels academically

Computer Science

Yaser Alkayale
Computer Science, Syria

• Designed and facilitated Syrian Student Coding Camp
• Dedicated to supporting Syrian new Canadians and international students
• Maintains Sexton Scholar distinction
• Member of Syrian Student Society
• Presenter at Dal Lead Student Leadership Conference
• Has a passion for entrepreneurship and has contributed to the development of a new 2000-level course

Gabriella Mosquera
Computer Science, Guayaquil, Ecuador

• Co-founder, Treasurer, and President of Computer Science Graduate Society (CSGS)
• Worked closely with, and is a strong supporter of Women in Technology Society and Computer Science Society, to organize and co-sponsor various lectures, workshops and student life events to help with community building
• Member of Culture of Respect in Computer Science Committee
• Volunteered on a campaign to raise awareness of the destructive earthquake in Ecuador, and provide logistical support through funding and supplies
Engineering

Krista Prosser
Engineering, Lawrencetown, NS
- President of Mechanical Engineering Society
- Seeks improvement for education by mediating academic grievances and issues
- VP Social for Dalhousie University Engineering Society
- Chair of yearbook committee
- Maintains an exceptional GPA

Health Professions

Bridget Irwin
Health Promotion, Nepean, ON
- Health Promotion Program Coordinator for Student Association of Health and Human Performance
- Co-founder of Health Promotion Society
- Organized a society trip to the 6th Global Forum on Health Promotion
- Cumulative GPA of 3.7
- Presenting at Canadian Public Health Association Conference and at CrossRoads

Law

Kacie Oliver
Law, Lindsay, ON
- Maintained the renewable entrance scholarship
- One-on-One Peer Mentor to first-year law students for Academic Success Program
- President of Student Animal Law Association of Dalhousie
- Organized panel on animals and the law and was able to attract a number of prominent speakers
- Advocate who has enhanced the exposure of legal issues related to animals on campus and throughout Halifax

Management

Gizelle de Guzman
Management, Cremona, AB
- Member of Dalhousie Entrepreneurship Society, Dalhousie Investment Society, and Rowe Marketing Association
- Member of Enactus Society and involved with Project ReConnect, Syrian Can workshop, Autism Nova Scotia, and 2000 Trees event
- Bronson House Sports & Recreation Representative and President of Bronson House
- Presenter at the Dal Lead Conference 2017
- Mental Health Youth Ambassador for Alberta Children’s Hospital
- Volunteers for the Canadian Health Coalition and Halifax Cycling Coalition
- Lifeguard and swim instructor at Centennial, Needham, and Dalplex pools
**Medicine**

**Antonios Diab**  
Medicine, Halifax, NS

- Psychology/Neuroscience first-year TA and Lab Coordinator
- Molly Appeal Neuroscience Award recipient
- Presented research at 11 research meetings
- Dalhousie Committee Service President, Faculty of Medicine Graduate Student Society
- VP External, Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students and past Director of Medicine
- President, Dalhousie Association of Psychology Students
- Vice-President, Undergraduate Neuroscience Society
- Psychology Representative, Dalhousie Science Society
- Organized Discovery Days at Dal for high school students
- Organized Brain Fairs where the public is invited to see some of the research happening in the Brain Repair Centre
- Volunteers and supports the Discovery Centre’s Brain War’s fundraising event
- Member of the Brain Repair Centre and the Atlantic Mobility Action Project Research Groups

**Marissa LeBlanc**  
Medicine, Moncton, NB

- VP Medical Education for Dalhousie Medical Student Society
- Class of 2017 Co-President
- Represented the interests of students within the faculty, and nationally at the Canadian Federation of Medical Students and Canadian Conference of Medical Education meetings
- Faculty representative for the national project Franco-Do, working with Francophone students in Canadian English-speaking medical schools to improve health care delivery in linguistic minority settings
- On the board of directors of Réseau Santé Nouvelle-Écosse, a provincial division of the National French Health Society

**Science**

**Meagen Wiederman**  
Neuroscience, Millgrove, ON

- GPA of 3.88
- Presented posters at the Canadian Association of Neuroscience Conference, Graham Goddard In-House Conferences, Science Society Symposium, and Integrated Science Symposium
- Participated in two Dal Lead Conferences, and Golden Key International Leadership Canadian Conference
- Undergraduate Neuroscience Society Director of Communications
- Provided 200 hours of tutoring by organizing a student tutoring service with 12 tutors for 60 students at Citadel and Gorsebrook Schools
- Volunteer at the Discovery Centre, helping to organize the Brain War fundraising event
- Director of the “SPARK a Change” fundraiser for the Dalhousie Golden Key Honour’s Society
- Volunteer at the QE II Health Sciences Centre, and a mental health peer counsellor for Dalhousie Medical Campus Response Team
LILLI JU AWARD
Awarded to a student who has exhibited the most significant lifetime achievement of outstanding contribution to university life.

Maike van Niekerk
Health Professions, Corner Brook, NL

• First nursing student in North America to be awarded with Rhodes Scholarship; Dalhousie’s 90th Rhodes Scholar
• Communication Liaison, Global Health Representative, Vice-President Community Affairs, and President of Dalhousie University Nursing Society
• President of Dalhousie Nursing Global Health Society
• President of Dalhousie Nursing Research Interest Group
• Nursing Representative and Vice-President Community Affairs of Dalhousie University Health Sciences Student Association
• Student representative on numerous School of Nursing committees, including Diversity Committee, School Council Committee, and Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee
• Dalhousie Board of Governors Award recipient
• Recipient of Aramark Leadership Award, W. Andrew MacKay Alumni Scholarship, and Schulich Leadership Scholarship
• Has independently raised $55,000 by biking 1,100km across Newfoundland and running 7 marathons in 7 days
• Volunteer for organizations that advocate for vulnerable populations, including Ronald McDonald House and Out of the Cold Homeless Shelter
• Board of Directors Member for Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia
• Named one of Canada’s Top 20 Under 20, the Newfoundland and Labrador Red Cross Young Humanitarian of the Year, and awarded Governor General’s Meritorious Service Medal

LEVEL CHAN AWARD
Awarded to a student who has made the most outstanding contribution to student advocacy and academic justice.

Leah Carrier
Health Professions, Lillooet, BC

• Maintains a 4.2 cumulative GPA while advocating for students and minority health-seeking groups
• Board member of Canadian Nursing Students Association (CNSA), where she co-directed 2016 Atlantic Regional Conference 2016 with the theme, “Nurses Celebrating Diversity: Recognizing the Many Faces of Healthcare”
• Organizer of first Indigenous Nursing Students’ Day at Dalhousie
• Vice-President Student Support for Dalhousie University Nursing Society
• Co-President of Nursing Research Interest Group
MALCOLM HONOUR AWARD

Awarded to a Dalhousie student to recognize an elite level of involvement and achievement in campus life over the course of a university career.

Alyson Petsche
Engineering, Hamilton, ON

• Founder and President of Dalhousie Gearheads Society
• Leadership Development Commissionaire and Atlantic Ambassador of Canadian Federation of Engineering Students
• Vice-President Finance and President of Atlantic Council of Engineering Students
• DSU Sexton Entertainment Director
• Vice-President Social of Dalhousie Undergraduate Engineering Society
• Founder and Chair of Dalhousie Engineering Orientation
• Vice-President Social and President of Dalhousie Diploma of Engineering Society
• Founder and Chair of Engineering Week
• Engineering Students Representative on DSU council
The Governors’ Awards are the top student awards at Dalhousie University. They recognize students who contribute to the quality and vitality of the university and the achievement of its mission, through both their academic accomplishments and their involvement in campus life. They are awarded each year for exceptional contributions or leadership in such areas as university governance, development of a sense of community on campus, community service, internationalizing the campus, visual or performing arts, minority access, or athletics, while maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or above.
In the fourth and final year of her Political Science honours degree, Sarah seems destined for a career serving the public. And we’ll all be the better for it.

Off campus, she has interned at the Nova Scotia Public Service Commission and worked as a page for the Nova Scotia Legislature. But it’s what she has been doing at Dalhousie that really sets her apart from the crowd.

In her role as the Student Refugee Program coordinator for the Dalhousie chapter of WUSC (World University Service of Canada), Sarah has facilitated the arrival of four refugee students to Dal and acted as a support person, helping make their time here as comfortable as possible. She was also part of the WUSC committee that worked with the university administration to successfully raise the funds needed to welcome two additional Syrian students to campus this year.

Sarah has also worked with refugees outside Dalhousie through her Political Science student placement at the Halifax Refugee Clinic, where she has conducted research and helped build cases for refugee claims.

For two years Sarah volunteered as a tutor for immigrant children with Frontier College (a Dal student society), helping them develop their English literacy skills. She also worked 12–13 hours per week as a phone line volunteer during the DSU Sexual Assault Phone Line project.

Sarah has represented the Dal student body on the Senate and various Senate committees as a student senator, where she helped bring in equity representation for minority student groups. She has also served on the DSU Academic Committee and DASSS Committee; the Political Science Studies Society; and the Dalhousie’s United Nations, and founded Let’s Talk Politics—a student society that spoke to local junior high school students about democracy and Canadian government during the 2015 federal election.
Nicole Doria  
Health Professions, Pickering, ON

Described as “humble and down to earth,” Nicole is a mentor to junior students, has an incredible work ethic, an eagerness to listen and collaborate, and a desire to improve the world around her—all hallmarks of a great leader.

Now finishing the second year of her master’s degree in Health Promotion, the passion Nicole has for people’s health allows her to successfully juggle the demands of her academics and her many extracurricular activities.

At Dalhousie, she is the co-president of the Health and Human Performance Graduate Student Society; the committee lead for the Crossroads Interdisciplinary Health Research Conference; a student research member and graduate representative for the Healthy Populations Institute; and the co-president of the Indigenous Health Interest Group which seeks to reducing Indigenous health inequities and improving the education, research, and advocacy of Indigenous health and wellbeing at Dalhousie and in the community.

Outside of campus, Nicole is also involved in numerous health-related projects and organizations. She volunteers at Phoenix Youth’s walk-in centre for at-risk and homeless youth; sits on the board of Avalon Sexual Assault Centre; volunteers in the classroom at the IWK Health Centre and at Compass, the hospital’s inpatient treatment program for young children with severe disruptive behaviour disorders; volunteers as a physiotherapist assistant at Abilities in Motion; is a cancer care volunteer at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, where she provides support to chemotherapy patients; and volunteers as an adult literacy tutor at the Halifax Central Library.

And that doesn’t include all the volunteering she has done in the past, including work for the North End Community Health Centre, Ronald McDonald House, Newman Memorial Gardens, and Loaded Ladle.
Bai Bintou Kaira  
Engineering, Fajara, The Gambia

Now in her fourth year of the Chemical Engineering co-op program, Bintou arrived at Dalhousie as the recipient of the $25,000 Slaight Family Foundation Scholarship, which has been renewed every year since.

Her positive impact on others may perhaps be hereditary—her late mother, Kombeh Jallow Kaira, was the country coordinator of the Women Advancement for Economic and Leadership Empowerment in Africa organization. And she would no doubt be proud of Bintou’s accomplishments at Dalhousie and the way in which she is making her own mark on the world. She is passionate about ensuring the Dalhousie community is inclusive and accessible to everyone, and works to bring diverse groups together so they can understand and share similar experiences with each other.

Soon after starting at Dal, Bintou started working as a note taker for students with learning disabilities, and marked assignments for the Department of Engineering Mathematics. She became a mentor and physics, chemistry, and math tutor at the Black Student Advising Centre where she also became involved with Imhotep’s Legacy Academy (ILA).

A university/community partnership that works to improve student success among Nova Scotian junior high and high school students of African heritage, ILA’s goal is to increase the number of students who go on to university to study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Apart from acting as a tutor for these students, Bintou also became the manager of ILA’s After-School Program, its Virtual School Program, and its first Lego League Robotics and Summer Outreach Program.

Off campus, Bintou has volunteered for the Blue Nose Marathon, Scotiabank Aids Walk, CNIB, St. John’s Ambulance, and several other charitable organizations. At Dal, she is the president of the Dalhousie African Student Society; is a member of the Dalhousie Medical Response Team; was the education coordinator at AIESEC; secretary of the Dalhousie Undergrad Engineering Society; and has volunteered with the Dalhousie International Students’ Association.
Salman Sajid
Computer Science, Sargodha, Punjab, Pakistan

Awarded a Certificate of Distinction at last year’s Impact Awards for his outstanding contributions to student life during his first three years at Dalhousie, Salman was also honoured in 2016 with the Appreciation Award for Contribution to Community by the Pakistani Canadian Associations of Nova Scotia. They both spoke to his leadership on and off campus and his growing role as a community builder.

Now in his fourth year of Computer Science, specializing in cyber security, Salman is a passionate advocate for those in need. He has helped organize and participated in such humanitarian campaigns and fundraisers as the Global Fair Golden Key Fundraiser, the Computer Science Faculty Diversity Campaign, and the Not 15 Million Ethiopian Fundraiser, an event that attracted over 400 people and raised over $26,000 for the food crises in Ethiopia.

Salman also served as the event planner and coordinator for the United for One Fundraiser for Syrian refugees, which raised over $160,000, and has been heavily involved with various student cultural societies such as the Muslim Students Association, Indian Sub-Continent Students Association, and the Dalhousie International Students’ Association (DISA). This year, he worked on an initiative with DISA to create four $1,000 scholarships and two $500 emergency bursaries for international students who may be in need, and to recognize the academic and extracurricular activities of international students at Dal.

Although he spent most of his upbringing in Saudi Arabia, Salman has deep connections to his home country of Pakistan and is dedicated to welcoming Pakistani students (and all other international students) and introducing them to Canadian culture.

He is vice-president executive of DISA; president of the Pakistani Students Association; director (student body) of the Pakistani Canadian Association of Maritimes; has been a member of the Computer Science Society; chair of the planning committee for the Sikh Student Association Dalhousie; and has helped organize large events on campus such as Diwali Night and International Night.
Kimberly Sweeny
Law, Yarmouth, NS

Named the Student Activist of the Year at last year’s Impact Awards, Kimberly has made the most of her three years at the Schulich School of Law by working tirelessly in helping to build a more inclusive, accepting, equitable, and safe community for everyone.

Last year Kim founded the Student Advocacy Society to help peers navigate Dal’s complaint procedure for students who experience discrimination, harassment, or assault. She was able to recruit a dedicated group of law students who committed to training sessions in active listening, support, and navigation of university policies. The Society created a network for students struggling through the complaint process, with Kim organizing every file and often handling multiple ones herself.

This year it was integrated into the Dalhousie Student Advocacy Service—with Kim as director—to expand its original focus on assisting students with academic matters to dealing with issues of harassment and discrimination as well.

Kim is also passionate about working with Indigenous communities in Canada, and worked with the Sipekne’katik First Nation on aboriginal and treaty rights and environmental issues during her summer student position with a local law firm. She continued to assist as a volunteer after returning to school in the fall, and is working to have the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission embraced in the Schulich School of Law curriculum.

As a single mother, Kim is passing along her passion for community building and social justice to her 6-year-old son, Elliot. Along with local businesses and organizations, she has helped him create “Pop-Up Schools”—workshops that focus on gender, racism, bodies, consent, and de-colonization. They will be offered to adults and children and led by adults and children.

Besides being a sought-after speaker on such topics as sexual violence, Kim has been involved with OUTlaw (for LGBTQ+ community and legal issues); Dalhousie Feminist Legal Association; Social Activist Law Student Association; and Environmental Law Students Society. She has also volunteered in North and East Preston, helping residents navigate the land titles system, and helped establish the “accessibility fund” through the DSU for childcare so student parents can attend events on campus.
GOVERNORS AWARD RECIPIENTS:
Last Decade

2017
Sarah Jacqueline Dobson, Arts and Social Sciences
Nicole Doria, Health Professions
Bai Bintou Kaira, Engineering
Salman Sajid, Computer Science
Kimberly Sweeny, Law

2016
Hasmeet Singh Chandok, Computer Science
Sarah Catherine MacNeil, Health Professions
Jeremy G. Ryant, Arts and Social Sciences
Aaron Veerland Taylor, Arts and Social Sciences
Maike van Niekerk, Health Professions

2015
Owen Johnstone, Agriculture
Kristy McGregor-Bales, Health Professions
Mahbubur Rahman, Engineering
Randii-Lynn Sullivan, Health Professions
Xinyu (Lokiy) Wang, Management

2014
Ding Fan, Management
Christopher (Kit) Moran, Science
Ishika Sharma, Health Professions
Taylor Thompson, Management
Caitlin Urquhart, Law
George Woodhouse, Arts and Social Sciences

2012
Sarah Bouchard, Arts and Social Sciences
Duane MacLeod, Nursing
Rebekah Oomen, Master of Science
Christopher Saulnier, Engineering

2011
Jamie Arron, Arts and Social Sciences
Robert LeForte, Arts and Social Sciences
Alexandra Legge, Medicine
Emily Stewart, Science

2010
Graham Carey, Science
Jason Pooley, Architecture and Planning
Jessica Roy, Science
Andrew Sullivan, Engineering

2009
Amy Florian, Science
Kaylyn Fraser, Science
Emily Rideout, Arts and Social Sciences
Eric Snow, Arts and Social Sciences

2008
Suzanne Clarke, Arts and Social Sciences
Victoria Jones, Arts and Social Sciences
Jonathan Mailman, Pharmacy
Jennifer Powley, Architecture
Vanessa Trenton, Arts and Social Sciences

2003
Aaron Wolf, Science
Chantelle McMullin, Science
Marissa Ley, Science
Paul Manning, Agriculture
Ramz Aziz, Science
Rebecca Haworth, Science
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Dal Chinese Culture and Art Society

Group dance: China has a long history and is well known for its rituals and ceremony. Please enjoy the Chinese dance demonstration, “The Nation of Greatness and Courtesy,” from the dance team of the Chinese Culture and Art Society.

Solo dance: There are 56 ethnic groups in China and each of the groups has their own tradition and culture. Tibetan dance has a long history and connection with Chinese dance, and is influenced by the dance culture of the surrounding country. Please welcome Yaqi Liu with a Tibetan dance, “All Creatures on the Earth.”

Gizelle de Guzman

Gizelle de Guzman is a singer-songwriter/multi-instrumentalist. At a very early age, she found words and melodies a very useful tool to reach out and voice her feelings—thus, most of her songs concern social issues and express her personal life experiences. An active advocate for mental health, Gizelle is currently a Fog Off Clothing Co. ambassador and the Mental Health youth ambassador at the Alberta Children’s Hospital. She’s a strong believer that, “A simple smile can save a life.” To learn more about her initiatives, visit http://gizelle.ca/

The Black and Gold Dance Team

The Black & Gold Dance Team (BGDT) is Dalhousie’s competitive dance team. We’re a student-run society that’s becoming more and more recognized across Eastern Canada. We compete in four different styles: jazz, contemporary, hip-hop, and tap. We compete against other universities throughout the year, as well as perform in multiple shows including the Dal Dance showcase, BGDT showcase, basketball games, and many more.

Maritime Bhangra Group

The Maritime Bhangra Group is a not-for-profit group of passionate team members who work together to overcome stereotypes and promote communal harmony. Their main focus is to aid various charities and spread awareness regarding various causes to help the ones in need.
The Alumni Distinction Award

Presented to all graduating students who are receiving Impact Awards. These award recipients will be granted Alumni Ambassador positions within all Dalhousie Alumni Chapters around the world, which will provide the opportunity to stay connected to Dalhousie and to continue making exemplary contributions to their communities.

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Ashar Gaskin
Program: Biology
Year: 5th

My superpower: Master juggler, ability to engage conversation and Mr. Fun.
Involvements: Dalhousie Caribbean Connections (President) and Dalhousie Association of Biology Students (Member).