

## School Celebrates our 2019 Graduates



The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony was held on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Brightwood Golf and Country Club, Dartmouth. Honoured guests included Lawrence and Anne Nestman; Dr. William Webster and Anne Godden-Webster; Grace Johnston, former Scientist-in-Residence; Janet Simm, Northwood

Inc; Lindsay Peach, Canadian College of Health Leaders; Dion Mouland (MHSA '05) and representatives from Oceanview Continuing Care, Alumni members, MHA students, graduates, guests, faculty and staff. The Masters of Ceremonies for the evening were first year students Olivia Feschuk and Calvin D'Souza.



Throughout the night, greetings were extended to students and guests from Dr. Tanya Packer, Interim Director; Patty Lane, Oceanview Continuing Care (MHA'17); Lindsay Peach, CCHL (MHSA' 01) and Janet Simm, CEO Northwood (MHA '17).

The Student Association was pleased to welcome Chris Power (MHSA '89) as the keynote speaker for the evening. "Healthcare Leadership according to Chris" encouraged MHA graduates to surround themselves with great people – never be afraid as people make you great leaders and are great mentors. Chris advised graduates if they believe something is right – do it; take the road less travelled, demonstrate something can be done differently, take risks, have a vision to change and the courage to succeed – "sometimes you need to get off the horse". At the conclusion of her presentation, Chris urged graduates to try something new, have the courage to succeed and move forward; when one door closes another opens, never settle for second best – great leaders never give up, be humble and kind, show compassion, and have a vision. MHA graduates can make a difference!

Thank you, Chris for sharing your story with us!

Following the keynote address, recipients of the Annual Awards were announced.



Dr. Tanya Packer with Gaiatre Kalainathan recipient of the Dr. A Ruderman Award for excellence in Health Services Planning.

Gaiatre is also the recipient of the Robert Wood Johnston Award which will be presented in Toronto in June.

Heather Webster receives the Canadian College of Health Leaders, Bluenose Chapter Award for high academic standing and professionalism from Lindsay Peach



Andrew Holland, Edward L Roach Award for Continuing Care recipient, and Janet Simm, CEO Northwood Inc.

Rebecca Visser, recipient of Dr. Thomas Rathwell Award for excellence in Healthcare Policy





Lawrence Nestman and Dr. Tanya Packer present Madeline Kubiseski with the Lawrence Nestman Prize for Accounting

Incoming Student President Peter Richard presents Rebecca Visser, Past President with the AHAS Graduate Student Award



Vanessa Varalli receives the Dr. Alan D Thomson Award for Healthcare Planning

First year student, Olivia Feschuk receives the Glen More Memorial Award from last year's recipient Madeline Kubiseski



First Year Student Aafreen Valiya Manathal receives the McGaw Scholarship Award from Dr. Majid Taghavi

The Lawrence Nestman Outstanding Contribution Award is presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the School of Health Administration. Dr. Christopher Simms congratulates this year's recipient Matthew Murphy, Nova Scotia Health Authority



At the conclusion of the Award presentations, Dr. Tanya Packer, Interim Director and Dr. David Persaud, Graduate Coordinator, presented all graduates with a commemorative crystal iceberg in recognition of their academic achievements in the MHA and JD/MHA programs.

**Congratulations to all graduates!**



Faculty and guests celebrate with MHA students



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