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**Awards & Recipients**

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  - Dr. John Huntly
  - Dr. B. Lynn Johnston
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  - Dr. Stephen Workman
  - Dr. Rosario Rebello
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  - Dr. Christine Dipchand

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  - Dr. Maheesh Raju, Saint John Campus (posthumously awarded by Dr. David Anderson)

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  - Dr. Nathan Lamond
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