

### Donna Myers Memorial Award

This award is donated by the Nova Scotia Physiotherapy Association in memory of Donna Myers. Donna was well known to many graduates and physiotherapists as she was one of the founding members of the Physiotherapy Professional Association in NS. Donna was a dedicated clinical teacher in obstetrical physiotherapy and women's community health. The award is given to the graduating student who demonstrated consistent professionalism, enthusiasm for physiotherapy, clinical excellence and commitment to learning by maintaining or improving academic standing throughout their physiotherapy studies.

### Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists Prize

This award is presented to the graduating student who provided the greatest degree of leadership to their class throughout the MScPT program; this recipient is selected by their peers.

### Unsung Hero Award

This award is donated by the School of Physiotherapy Alumni Division. It is presented to the graduating student selected by their peers as the student who most generously contributed to School activities throughout the MScPT program while consistently demonstrating a positive and enthusiastic school spirit.

### Patricia Stanfield Covert Award

This is donated by Stanfield's Limited in Truro in memory of Mrs. Patricia Stanfield Covert. This award is presented to the graduating student for their excellence in interpersonal skills, a high level of involvement in extracurricular school activities, and scholarship proficiency; this recipient is nominated by their peers.

### Physiotherapy Student Leadership Award of Excellence

Donated by the Leadership Division of the CPA to the graduating student who demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities for the promotion of the physiotherapy profession and/or the quality of the student experience, with preference given to either the NSPA or Curriculum student rep.

### Perseverance Award

Donated on behalf of Chris Cluett at Proactive Wellness and Prevention Clinic of Newfoundland. This peer-nominated award is given to the student who exemplifies focus, perseverance, motivation, and commitment to their MScPT program.




## GRADUATE RECEPTION & AWARDS CEREMONY CLASS OF 2026

Dalhousie's School of Physiotherapy

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026

CHEB Room C170, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

5793 University Avenue, Halifax, NS



11:30 -12:15	Red Carpet Photoshoot	
12:15 -12:25	Welcome & Acknowledgements	Dr. Derek Rutherford Director's Address
12:25-12:45	Student Address	Alyssa Walsh, PTSS President
12:45-1:15	Awards Presentation	Dr. Derek Rutherford on behalf of Kate Grosweiner Chair, Awards Committee
1:15 - 1:30	Presentation of Portfolios	Patricia Connors, CAE Chief Executive Officer Nova Scotia Physiotherapy Association
1:30 - 2:30	Refreshments & Mingling	

## ***Class of 2026 Awards Presentation Awards for Combined Academic and Clinical Excellence***

### **Jan Elizabeth Leonard Prize**

This prize has been donated by her family, friends and colleagues. Jan was a gifted manual therapist who contributed for many years to the education of future physiotherapists in our musculoskeletal curriculum as well as in their clinical placements. This prize is given to the graduating students who has high academic standing, demonstrated outstanding skills during clinical placements, and has been chosen by the Awards Committee as someone who is hard working and passionate.

### **Prince Edward Island Branch of the CPA Award (Anatomy)**

This award is presented to the graduating student with the highest academic standing in the Anatomy course.

### **Hazel Lloyd Memorial Prize**

This award was donated in the memory of Professor Hazel Lloyd, former director and faculty member at the School of Physiotherapy from 1964 to 1985. This award is presented to the graduating student with the highest academic standing in the Integrated Practice physiotherapy courses.

### **Cardiorespiratory Special Interest Award**

This award is donated by the School of Physiotherapy Alumni Fund for the student who excelled in the academic Cardiorespiratory courses and demonstrated special interest in cardiorespiratory physiotherapy.

### **Nova Scotia Section of the Orthopedic Division, CPA Award**

This award is presented to the student with the highest academic standing across the Musculoskeletal physiotherapy courses.

### **Newfoundland & Labrador Physiotherapy Association Prize**

This award is presented to the graduating student with the highest academic standing in the Neurotherapeutics course.

### **Canadian Physiotherapy Association Award**

This award is presented to the graduating student for the highest aggregate percentage throughout the MScPT program.

## ***Awards for Excellence in Clinical Performance***

### **Morris B. Kohler Award in Physiotherapy**

This award was established in 1980 in memory of Morris Kohler who was a patient at the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre. It is presented to the graduating student for demonstrating exceptional performance during a clinical placement with a neurological focus, or when working with clients with long-term rehabilitation needs, at the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre.

### **The Canadian Academy of Manipulative Physiotherapist (CAMPT)**

Awarded by the Canadian Academy of Manipulative Physiotherapists (CAMPT) to the student who demonstrated the highest performance on their clinical skills assessments across the MScPT Musculoskeletal physiotherapy courses.

### **National Orthopaedic Division Student Award**

This award is presented to the highest ranked student based on their demonstration of leadership, advocacy, and interest in orthopedics, with preference given to the Ortho Division student rep.

## ***Awards for Excellence in Professionalism and Leadership***

### **New Brunswick Physiotherapy Association Student Professionalism Award**

This award is presented to a graduating student from New Brunswick with the highest academic achievement throughout the MScPT program.

### **School of Physiotherapy Research Award**

This award is presented to the student group who achieved the highest academic standing within the second-year scientific inquiry course.

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