

2024 IMPACT REPORT

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DIVERSITY

MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we step into our roles at the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (CMHF), we are honoured to lead an organization that celebrates the extraordinary achievements of those who have shaped the landscape of health and medicine in Canada and around the globe. The impact of our Laureates extends far beyond their individual contributions—they inspire future generations, foster innovation, and remind us of all the profound difference one person can make in the world.

This year, we said goodbye to Lissa Foster, our Executive Director for eleven years. During her incredible tenure, Lissa has elevated CMHF programs by expanding our national reach and strengthening our mission to honour excellence, preserve history, and inspire future generations. Her dedication to celebrating the accomplishments of Canada's health leaders leaves a lasting legacy, and we are deeply grateful for her contributions.

The CMHF has a long-standing commitment to recognizing and celebrating excellence in health leadership. Through our Laureates, CMHF Award recipients, and educational programs such as Discovery Days and Museum School, we inspire the next generation of health professionals. We take pride in fostering a future where innovation, equity, and excellence drive meaningful advancements in health care.

As we look ahead, we are committed to deepening our engagement with diverse communities across Canada. We recognize that true excellence comes from different perspectives, and we will continue to ensure that the CMHF reflects the diversity of the people and professions that contribute to the health and well-being of Canadians. Through intentional outreach, inclusive nomination practices, and expanded partnerships, we aim to build on the progress made in recent years, ensuring that underrepresented voices and achievements are honoured and celebrated.

Our work would not be possible without the dedication and support of our partners, sponsors, and community members. Your belief in our mission allows us to continue inspiring young minds, preserving the stories of Canada's health leaders and strengthening the legacy of medical innovation in this country.

Together, we will continue to honour excellence, preserve history, and inspire generations.



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Shannon Digby

Executive Director

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MISSION Recognize and celebrate Canadian heroes whose work has advanced health; inspire the pursuit of careers in the health sciences.

VISION A Canada that honours our medical heroes – those of the past, present and future.

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2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY

- 30 years of Honouring Excellence, Preserving History, Inspiring Generations at the CMHF



MARCH

- Remembering
Connie J. Eaves, PhD
(May 22, 1944 – March 7, 2024)
A major influence in the field
of stem cell research



- Discovery Day in
Health Sciences Online
- Central Canada



- Museum School
- Kensal Park French Immersion
Public School



- Princess Elizabeth
Public School



APRIL

- 25th Induction Ceremony
Vancouver, BC



- Discovery Day in
Health Sciences
- Memorial University of
Newfoundland



- Welcoming new staff member
Jack Burwash, Program
Coordinator

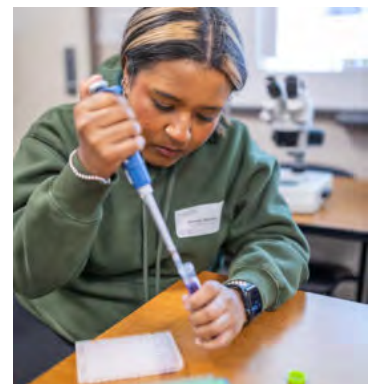


- Museum School
- Masonville Public School



MAY

- Discovery Days
in Health Sciences
- Western University
- University of Ottawa EN & FR
- NOSM University
- Queen's University
- Hamilton Health Sciences at
McMaster University



- Museum School
- Masonville Public School



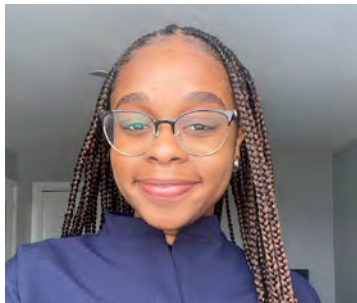
JUNE

- Celebrating CMHF's 30th Anniversary Party, Retirement of Martha Gonzalez and Janice McNorgan



JULY

- Welcoming new student volunteer Audrey Tatitsop, Regional Team Leader, CMHF Brand Ambassador Program



- Team CMHF summer outing



AUGUST

- 2024 CMHF Award Recipients announced



SEPTEMBER

- 2025 CMHF Inductees announced



OCTOBER

- Discovery Days in Health Sciences

- University of Calgary
- University of Alberta

- Museum School

- Byron Somerset Public School



NOVEMBER

- Museum School

- Clara Brenton Public School



- Mountsfield Public School

- Discovery Days in Health Sciences

- BC Children's Hospital Research
- University of Manitoba
- Dalhousie University
- McGill University and The Neuro

- Discovery Day in Health Sciences Online

- Western Canada

DECEMBER

- Announcing our new Executive Director, Shannon Digby

- Discovery Days in Health Sciences Online

- Eastern Canada

- Discovery Day in Health Sciences

- Université Laval

- Social media holiday campaign

- STEM in Action



EQUITY & INCLUSION

ENHANCED QUALITY, SOCIAL RELEVANCE & IMPACT

We recognize that diversity, equity and inclusion strengthen the health sciences, health systems and health care communities, leading to enhanced quality, social relevance and impact of health-related disciplines.

Throughout all its activities, the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (CMHF) strives to engage and promote the active participation of individuals of diverse backgrounds, including those from historically underrepresented groups. We actively seek a pool of award nominations so that those honoured may reflect the diversity of our communities.

The CMHF relies on the community to nominate candidates for induction. Annually, the CMHF Laureate Selection Committee - appointed by the board but operating at arm's length from the board - reviews all nominations received. Inductees are selected from the pool of nominees that includes those nominated this year and the previous two years.

We recognize that the current nomination pool does not fully reflect the diversity of health leadership in Canada. We are committed to increasing the representation of **women, non-binary individuals, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour** among CMHF Laureates. We encourage you to help us achieve this goal by nominating exceptional individuals from these underrepresented communities.

Call for Nominations Appel de candidatures



Thank you, Nominators, for responding to our call for diversity! The community continues to respond to our calls for equity and inclusion with more nominations of health leaders who are Indigenous, Black and/or People of Colour with almost half of all nominees being women.

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HONOURING EXCELLENCE

CELEBRATING CANADIAN HEALTH LEADERSHIP

2024 INDUCTEES



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Vancouver, BC



John E. Dick, PhD
FRS FRSC
Toronto, ON



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Sir Thomas
Roddick, MD**
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VIRTUAL CMHF

EXPLORE THE IMPACT

With the support of the Canadian Medical Association, we have continued to refine the Virtual Canadian Medical Hall of Fame to evolve and amplify the stories of the Canadian health heroes we honour, and to showcase their contributions to furthering excellence in health care and health research in Canada and the world. Visitors to our website are invited to explore the impact of Laureates across three main impact themes:

Science and Research

Understanding the Body & Disease Process

Diagnosis, Treatment & Prevention

Improving Health & Patient Outcomes

Pioneers, Leaders, Scholars and Change Makers

Building Our Health Organizations & Systems

[Visit](#) each impact timeline that allows users to explore Laureate achievements related to the impact themes. These timelines offer a high-level overview of Laureates' impact that has improved health in Canada and worldwide.

HONOUR EXCELLENCE

[Engage](#) with the esteemed Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Laureates by exploring our dedicated webpage, which features tribute videos, comprehensive biographies, fascinating key facts, and an overview of their professional timelines with significant achievements. Discover the remarkable contributions of these trailblazers in medicine and access additional resources to deepen your understanding.

SHARE THE INSPIRATION

Visitors can share Laureate pages to social media right from the website.

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Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Award

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Laureates of the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (CMHF) cite qualities such as perseverance, collaboration and entrepreneurial spirit as contributors to their success as national and world health leaders. The CMHF Award recognizes medical students who demonstrate these qualities and show outstanding potential as future leaders and innovators of health care in Canada.

Each Canadian medical school is invited to nominate one medical student, completing their second undergraduate year of study at the time of application who has demonstrated leadership through school or community activities, superior interpersonal and communication skills as well as academic excellence.

After each medical school reviews all applicants, their dean of medicine submits the nomination of one candidate for this award to the CMHF, and applicants are notified by their medical school if their nomination has been put forth. Once CMHF receives the nominations, our board of directors reviews and ratifies them, and successful recipients are formally informed by the CMHF. The award recipients' success stories are celebrated by the CMHF and their respective medical schools.

Each CMHF Award recipient receives a cash award, a complimentary ticket and a travel subsidy to the Induction Ceremony the following year. Award recipients have the opportunity to network with each other and the Laureates at a private breakfast the day after the ceremony.

The CMHF is committed to the career development of our Award recipients and makes every effort to connect them to our Laureates, board members or friends of the CMHF. Through the CMHF Award, we aim to:

- Call out leaders among medical students
- Facilitate collaboration and mentorship between our Laureates and awardees so that our award recipients may achieve significant impact in their own careers
- Challenge recipients to “think like a Laureate”
- Promote networking opportunities for shared support to foster a growing community of Canadian talent committed to improved care and health outcomes



2023 CMHF Award Recipients at the 2024 Induction Ceremony in Vancouver, BC



Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Award

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2024 RECIPIENTS



MARIAM EJI-LASISI

The University of British Columbia
Faculty of Medicine



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In partnership with Canadian universities, hospitals and research centres, we inform and excite Canada's youth about the wide variety of career options in medicine and health care. By connecting high school students to world-class researchers and clinicians in real-life settings, we are helping to build our future health workforce.

2024 EVENTS

305	Interactive Workshops
672	Healthcare Professionals (keynote speakers, workshop presenters, career panelists)
128	Volunteers
623	Schools
227	Teachers
17	Events
2,842	Students (8% Indigenous, 33% French, 39% Rural, 7% Black, 39% Person of Colour)

WE VALUE STUDENT FEEDBACK

95%	would recommend Discovery Days to another student or teacher
96%	felt the career panel was valuable
90%	felt the event exceeded or fully met their expectations
97%	reported feeling equally or more certain about pursuing a career in health sciences than when they arrived
98%	rated their interactive workshops valuable
99%	reported being equally or more knowledgeable about a career in the health sciences

"The hip placement workshop was extremely fun, and it actually made me consider med school and possibly orthopaedics. The staff and event leaders were extremely nice and informative. The pharmacy workshop really allowed me to see and experience what pharmacists do. I learned way more than I knew before coming!"

STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA DISCOVERY DAY

DISCOVERY DAY KEYNOTE LECTURERS

Ginette Poulin, MD
Lauren Law, MD Candidate
Jibran Y. Khokhar, PhD
Melissa Fernandez, PhD
Baptiste Lacoste, PhD
Louise Logan, MD
Prameet Sheth, PhD
Margaret McKinnon, MD
Jeff Biernaskie, PhD
Martin Ferguson-Pell, PhD
Kathryn Armstrong, MD
Lisa Monkman, MD
Kathleen MacMillan, MD
Mark Prins, MD
Mark Sorin, MD Candidate
Andrew Hunt, MD
Jean-Sébastien Roy, PhD

Learn more about these
world-class speakers

INSPIRING GENERATIONS

MUSEUM SCHOOL AND HALL VISITS

In partnership with the London Heritage Council, Museum School is an opportunity for senior elementary classes to 'move in' to the Hall for a full week. Students learn about Canada's past and present health heroes, meet local scientists working with the latest technology, and imagine making medical discoveries. In 2024, we had the pleasure of learning alongside students from Princess Elizabeth, Masonville, Byron Somerset, Clara Brenton, Mountsfield and Kensal Park French Immersion Public Schools.

Thanks to our community partners for the support:

- Alzheimer's Society London and Middlesex
- Banting House National Historic Site
- Canadian Surgical Technologies and Advanced Robotics (CSTAR)
- Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario
- London Artists in Residence Program
- London Health Sciences Centre - London Regional Cancer Program
- Mosaic Medical
- Robarts Research Institute - Western University

OUR EXHIBIT HALL IN ACTION

Conveniently located at 100 Kellogg Lane – Canada's largest entertainment complex, the local community was invited to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the CMHF and the retirement of two staff members, all while exploring our exhibit hall.

In 2024, our visitors watched tribute videos in our Laureate Theater, enjoyed the self-guided trivia game and entered draws to win prizes.

Thank you to our Exhibit Hall sponsor Trudell Medical Ltd. for enhancing visitor experience.



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By investing in the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (CMHF) our national partners demonstrate their shared commitment to an enduring tribute to our country's rich medical history through the celebration of Canadian heroes whose work advances health in Canada and the world. They make it possible for the CMHF to foster future generations of health professionals through the delivery of local and national youth education programs and awards.



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