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GATHERING

FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With the gradual return to in-person gathering came those oh-so-important elements of live interactions – a moving hug between mother and daughter as the late Dr. Thomas Dignan was celebrated at the Induction Ceremony in Ottawa; enthusiastic student applause following Dr. Alain Beaudry’s powerful keynote lecture at the University of Manitoba; the intergenerational magic of current and past CMHF Award recipients gathering with Laureates, and then spending the day together exploring health leadership.

Virtual gathering does have its place. In fact, by learning how to gather students online for Discovery Days the previous two years, we were able to pilot Discovery Days North this year – virtual career exploration events for high school students in Canada’s northern, remote and Indigenous communities. We are excited about expanding our youth education footprint this way.

Whether we gathered in-person or online, we are grateful to our partners, funders and volunteers who helped us shine a light on Canadian contributions to health science and research. With them, we continue to inspire Canada’s youth to explore the many and varied careers in this important and impactful field.

The pages that follow highlight how we honour excellence, preserve history and inspire generations. But even great photos can’t capture the feeling of people gathered in our Exhibit Hall in London, Ontario, listening intently as a local radiation oncologist recalls how attending our Discovery Day more than a decade ago inspired her to seek a summer lab internship, kickstarting her career journey in medicine and health research. Moments like that bring our impact to life.

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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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Lissa Foster, Executive Director
Canadian Medical Hall of Fame
2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY
- CMHF celebrates 28 years of honouring excellence, preserving history, inspiring generations

FEBRUARY
- In Memory: Bernard “Bernie” Langer, MD
  May 23, 1932 – Feb. 23, 2022
  True Innovator, Gifted Surgeon, Respected Teacher

MARCH
- Discovery Day North
  • Central Canada

MAY
- Filming of new info video took place in the London Exhibit Hall

JUNE
- Welcome new staff member, Juliana Aguero, Program Coordinator

- 22nd Induction Ceremony, Ottawa, ON

- Inaugural CMHF Award Symposium, Ottawa, ON
  Presented by MD Financial Management

- Discovery Days
  • Hamilton Health Sciences at McMaster University

JULY
- In Memory: John Bienenstock, MD
  Oct. 6, 1939 – July 25, 2022
  A father of mucosal immunology
  True scientific visionary
  Exceptional leader and teacher
AUGUST
- 2022 CMHF Award recipients announced
- Launched CMHF Brand Champion Volunteer program

SEPTEMBER
- 2023 CMHF Inductees announced
- CMHF Open House “An Evening of Inspiration”
- Doors Open London

OCTOBER
- Discovery Day
  • University of Calgary
- Museum School
  • Woodland Heights Public School
  • Lord Nelson Public School

NOVEMBER
- Welcome Panashe, Western B.L.U.E.
- Class Trip
  • Boys & Girls Club of London
- Museum School
  • Sir Isaac Brock Public School

DECEMBER
- Discovery Days
  • McGill University
- Discovery Days North
  • Western Canada
- Good Tidings & Joy holiday campaign
We recognize that diversity, equity and inclusion strengthen the health sciences, health systems and health care communities and leads to enhanced quality, social relevance and impact of health-related disciplines.

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

Unfortunately, the current nomination pool is not as diverse as it should be, nor is it reflective of current health leadership in Canada. Please help us increase the diversity of CMHF Laureates through more nominations of individuals who identify as female or non-binary, and/or who are Black, Indigenous or People of Colour.

Nominators responded to our call for diversity. 50% of all new nominations received in 2022 were for women with increased BIPOC representation across all the files.
HONOURING EXCELLENCE

CELEBRATING CANADIAN HEALTH LEADERSHIP

2022 INDUCTEES

Sir John Bell
GBE BMBCh DM

The Late Thomas A. Dignan
CM OOnt MD BScN

Daniel Drucker
OC MD

David J.A. Jenkins
OC DM DPhil DSc

Jonathan L. Meakins
OC MD DSc

Noralou P. Roos
OC PhD

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VIRTUAL CMHF

VIRTUAL HALL OF FAME

With the support of the Canadian Medical Association, we 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. Featuring innovative and interactive tools, this digital resource is a platform of inspiration for building quality care for patients and vibrant professions in medicine and health care.

Visitors to our website are invited to explore Laureate impacts across three main themes:

**Understanding the Body & Disease Process**  
Science and Research

**Improving Health & Patient Outcomes**  
Diagnosis, Treatment & Prevention

**Building Our Health Organizations & Systems**  
Pioneers, Leaders, Scholars and Change Makers

HONOUR EXCELLENCE

Interact with CMHF Laureates like never before! CMHF Laureate pages include:

- A detailed biography
- Interesting key facts
- Professional timeline and major achievements
- Additional resources
- Share fascinating Laureate stories on social media directly from our website with new media-sharing icons.

EXPLORE THE IMPACT

Visit the Impact Theme timelines. Each impact timeline allows users to explore Laureate achievements related to the selected theme. Impact timelines offer a high level overview of Laureate impact that has contributed to improved health in Canada and around the world.

SHARE THE INSPIRATION

Visitors can now share Laureate pages right from the site using the social media links.
CMHF Award recipients receive a cash award, complimentary travel and admission to the next Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and the opportunity to meet and learn first-hand from our Laureates.

CMHF Laureates cite qualities such as perseverance, collaboration and an entrepreneurial spirit as contributors to their success as national and world health leaders.

We celebrate the achievements of the giants of health care in Canada to fuel our pride, but also to inspire the next generation of health leaders with world changing potential.

Through the CMHF Award we aim to:

- Call out the leaders among them
- Facilitate collaboration and mentorship so that they too may achieve significant impact in their own careers
- Challenge them 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

Canada’s medical schools are invited to identify a second year student who demonstrates these qualities.
2022 RECIPIENTS

MOHIT SODHI  
University of British Columbia  
Faculty of Medicine

CHAO CHEN  
University of Alberta  
Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry

PRIATHARSI SIVANANTHAJOTHY  
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University of Calgary

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Temerty Faculty of Medicine  
University of Toronto

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Faculty of Health Sciences  
Queen’s University

KYLEE HUNTER  
University of Ottawa  
Faculty of Medicine

ABED (ABDULRAHMAN) BAIAD  
McGill University Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

ANTON VOLNIANSKY  
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RUN ZHOU YE  
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AILEEN FESCHUK  
Faculty of Medicine  
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Awards are supported by MD Financial Management, Medical Schools across Canada and individual donors.
CREATING COMMUNITY

Thanks to the generous support of MD Financial Management, all award recipients dating back to 2015 were invited to attend the 2022 Induction Ceremony and the CMHF Award Symposium.

Guided by the participants’ suggestions, the symposium included:

• Opening Remarks by MD Financial Management Inc.
• Networking Breakfast and Q&A with CMHF Laureates
• Keynote Speaker: 2015 CMHF Laureate, Alan Bernstein, PhD
  “A dialogue on the power of health research in the post-COVID19 era”
• Hot Topic Round Table Discussions with featured guest topic leaders
• Socializing and Networking Dinner

“It’s not the failures or challenges you face that is important, it’s how you decide to rise and face them.”

ALAN BERNSTEIN, PHD

“Learning about the Laureates and actually having the opportunity to meet them in person was amazing. I made some connections, and even got to meet the Laureate I wrote about (Dr. Annette O’Connor). That was a dream come true for me. I’m even hoping to work on a project with her in the future.”

SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANT
AWARD SYMPOSIUM: HOT TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

In small groups, participants rotated across three hot topic tables (four hot topics in total, 45 minutes each). Subject matter experts led small group discussions related to the assigned topic and delivered a brief introduction to their field of practice. Groups then engaged in discussion to think critically, reflect on their own experiences, and explore avenues of change.

EQUITY & INCLUSION IN HEALTH CARE
Michelle Francis, CHRP & Jude Obomighie, MD
Representatives of the Black Physicians Association of Ontario

“The Skin Deep activity was mind-blowing! This should be a mandatory session for everyone.”

SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANT

FINDING BALANCE: HEALTH PROVIDER WELLNESS
F. Gigi Osler, MD

“Loved Dr. Osler’s facilitation. Made us stop and think about what we are doing about our wellness and thinking about how we are going to incorporate it moving forward.”

SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANT

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION & PATIENT-CENTRED CARE IN A VIRTUAL WORLD
Krystina B. Lewis, RN PhD

“This was a very useful session. I loved how we progressed from open-ended thoughts on virtual and patient-centered care to more practical resources/evidence on things like Patient Decision Aids.”

SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANT

FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE: RESEARCH, INNOVATION & PRACTICE
Kumanan Wilson, MD

“Dr. Wilson reminded me to view the future not only in a problem-based way, but also with an enthusiasm for the solutions available and under development for our generation of physicians to tap into.”

SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANT
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.

“...It was so exciting to learn more about the variety of career options in the health sciences and the role of these professions in society. Today not only met my expectations, but it taught me so much more about how to achieve my goals. Today not only motivated me, it inspired me to seek a career path in this area.”

STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY DISCOVERY DAY
NECESSITY TO INVENTION!

When gathering was not possible in 2020, we explored virtual program delivery and discovered a terrific, effective, and engaging platform for hosting our Discovery Days in Health Sciences program online. We were excited to return to in-person events this year – but what about rural and remote students who simply can’t get to them?

Building on the success of the virtual Discovery Day events, we explored a new program called Discovery Days NORTH!

These virtual events educate and inspire high school students in northern and remote areas of Canada to pursue careers in medicine and health sciences by connecting them with researchers, clinicians, and educators.

The events comprise a dynamic keynote lecture, interactive workshops, discussion with a panel of academics and professionals, exhibitors, and an opportunity to network with peers.

We piloted two Discovery Day NORTH virtual events

More than 490 students from 73 schools across 65 rural and remote communities participated in this inaugural year (25% Indigenous, 12% French First Language).

“I think this kind of experience is very important because many of us are lost and in need of help deciding what path to follow. These kind of events make us more open and expands our choices.”

STUDENT, BCCHRI

“I loved this opportunity so much, it has definitely answered questions I had about my future and has inspired me to follow what I love. “

STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

View the full Discovery Day Report
INSPIRING GENERATIONS

MUSEUM SCHOOL AND CLASS TRIPS

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 to learn about Canada’s past and present health heroes, meet local scientists working with the latest technology, and imagine making medical discoveries so meaningful that their portraits are hung next to the ‘real’ Hall of Fame Laureates. This fall, we had the pleasure of learning alongside students from Lord Nelson, Sir Isaac Brock, and Woodland Heights Public Schools.

Thanks to the support of our community partners:
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• London Regional Cancer Program
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• Robarts Research Institute & Western University

OUR EXHIBIT HALL IS OPEN

Accessible 7 days week and conveniently located at conveniently located at 100 Kellogg Lane – Canada’s largest entertainment complex, the local community was invited to explore our new exhibit hall through a number of inspiring events and activities.

• CMHF Open House | An Evening of Inspiration
• Art Comp for Kids
• Doors Open London
• Museum of Archeology Scavenger Hunt
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By investing in the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, 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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