



Brock University Graduate Students' Association

Press Release

April 4, 2022 – (St. Catharines, ON)

Recap: 2022 Starlight Gala & GSA Award Winners

On Saturday, April 2, over 300 graduate students, alumni, members of senior administration and honorable guests joined the GSA at Club Roma for the annual Starlight Gala. In what can be claimed as the largest in-person event for graduate students in the history of Brock, this evening also marked twenty years of operation for the GSA. It truly was a night of celebration and community.

As pillar of the event's ceremony, extraordinary individuals were recognized for their work, research, community service and dedication to the graduate student community. Congratulations to all:

GSA Award Winners:

Academic Excellence Award - Ardalan Eyni
Teaching Assistant of the Year - Lauren Nesbitt
Community and Engagement Award - Mariana Garrido de Castro
Volunteer of the Year Award - Neerav Vaidya and Emma Schmidt
Outstanding Graduate Mentorship Award - Hannah Charnock
President's Award - Owen Angus-Yamada

Honorary Membership Inductees:

Jack M. Miller (2022 inductee, posthumous)
Marilyn Rose (2022 inductee, posthumous)
Christopher Yendt (2021 inductee)

GSA Ambassador – Class of 2022 Cohort:

Mario De Diviitis	Kithio Mwanzia
Diana Huson	Amber Bramer
Chris Ventura	Jason Ribeiro
Russell Evans	Mary-Louise Vanderlee
Gianluca Agostinelli	Scott Behie
Natalie Spadafora	Rebecca Macpherson
John Smol	Lisa Whittingham
Kiel Omerod	Ashleigh Miatello
Jess Vickruck	Daniel Antwi-Amoabeng

GRADFlix Winners:

Third Place and People's Choice: Kim Uyeno
Second Place: Megan Pellow
First Place: Caitlyn Gallant



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We want to especially thank our **presenting sponsor, the Faculty of Graduate Studies**, for their support in the development and execution of the Gala. We are excited to continue working together and collaborating as a way towards stronger engagement of graduate students.

We also want to thank our other sponsors and donors for their contributions to the Gala:

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Special thanks to DJ Patty V for being both the master of ceremonies and DJ for the Gala's reception, as well as Club Roma and their staff for helping bring the event to life and create a warm space for our attendees to enjoy the evening in.

To graduate students: we look forward to creating more memories with you - stay tuned for more programming and opportunities!