



## Awards of Excellence; Principals, Vice-Principals, Teachers and Student Leaders

**Meeting:** SLT Meeting – August 17, 2017

**Meeting Type:** Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

### Executive Summary

In support of our goals in Literacy, Safe & Caring and Assessment, as well as being an employer of choice, providing opportunities for Horizon School Division to recognize excellence amongst our student leaders, principals, vice-principals, and teachers, will aid in re-enforcing our work in creating a culture of excellence.

### Background

**Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence:** Honour outstanding and innovative elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines who instill in their students a love of learning and who utilize information and communications technologies (ICT) to better equip their students with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in a 21st century society and economy. <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/pmate-ppmee.nsf/eng/home>

**Canada's Outstanding Principals:** Recognizes outstanding contributions of principals in publicly funded schools. It honours principals from every province and territory in Canada who demonstrate innovation, entrepreneurial spirit and who have done something truly remarkable in public education. <http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/what-we-do/educator-program-and-executive-leadership/canadas-outstanding-principals>

**The Canadian Innovators in Education Awards:** The Canadian Innovators in Education Awards will celebrate and promote educators who are leading lasting and system-changing initiatives at all levels of K-12 education in Canada. <http://www.cea-ace.ca/awards>

**The Pat Clifford Award:** This award recognizes the work of emerging researchers - their research contributions, their promise, and their commitment to breaking new ground or revisiting commonly held assumptions in education policy, practice or theory in Canada. <http://www.cea-ace.ca/awards>

**The Ken Spencer Award:** The Ken Spencer Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning was established with the generous contribution of Dr. Ken Spencer to: recognize and publicize innovative work taking place in schools and classrooms that is sustainable, has the potential of being taken up by others, and encourages transformative change in teaching and learning; encourage a focus on transformative change in schools; and provide profile for classroom innovation within school districts, schools, and the media.

<http://www.cea-ace.ca/awards>

**Distinguished Principal and Vice-Principal of the Year Award:** This prestigious award, honouring leadership in school administration in education, is sponsored by the Canadian Association of Principals and Jostens. If you would like to nominate a school vice principal for this award, please print the nomination form and submit to your provincial principal association prior to February 15.

<http://cdnprincipals.org/cdndistpvpawards/>

**The Arbos Award:** This award is the highest honour that the Saskatchewan teaching profession can bestow. Through the Arbos Awards, individuals who have distinguished themselves through the scope, impact and significance of their contributions to education and the teaching profession are given the recognition they deserve. <https://www.stf.sk.ca/professional-resources/awards-grants-scholarships>

**The McDowell Award:** The McDowell Foundation requests applications annually in support of research that contributes to teaching and learning in the context of the publicly funded PreK-12 education system. The Foundation provides research grants to teachers and other educators exploring new and innovative ways to best meet the educational needs of students in Saskatchewan. A range of topics have been funded over the past 25 years and can be reviewed on the [current projects](#) and [completed projects](#) pages. Formal research experience is not necessary. Foundation staff will work with teachers and other educators in the development of the application.

<http://mcdowellfoundation.ca/grants/>

**National Award for Teaching Excellence in Physical Education:** The PHE Canada National Award for Teaching Excellence in Physical Education honours Canadian teachers who provide outstanding teaching performance at the elementary, middle or secondary levels, who have an exceptional ability to motivate students to participate in a lifetime of physical activity, and who further Physical Education in Canada. <http://www.phecanada.ca/awards/excellence-physical-education>

**CAP Award for Excellence in Teaching High School/CEGEP Physics:** The awards honours physics teachers in Canadian high schools or CEGEPs who have a good understanding of their subject and who possess an exceptional ability to communicate their knowledge and understanding in such a way as to motivate their students to high academic achievement in physics. The nominee should have demonstrated the ability to develop innovative teaching methods and/or style and should mentor students in physics, through such activities as the CAP high school prize exam, other prize exams, special tutorials, etc., as well as mentor new physics teachers. Nominees should have a history of participation in extra-curricular physics-related activities such as the Science Fairs, physics contests, public outreach activities, and the CAP's Art of Physics competition (class category). Evidence relating to the promotion of science, participation in non-physics extra-curricular activities (sports, drama, etc.), and achievements relating to student performance will also be considered but are not weighted as high as the physics-related activities listed here.

<http://www.cap.ca/en/HSCTA>

**Phyllis Arnold Professional Development Awards:** Teachers across Canada can apply for a Phyllis Arnold Professional Development Award to facilitate their work in the classroom, school, division, and community. Applications are accepted yearly in the spring from any current teacher in an accredited K-12 school within Canada. Each year, Can Geo Education grants up to two awards (\$300 in personal subsidies) to assist in the participation of geographic or social studies professional development in the current calendar year. Applications must be received by close of business (5 P.M. ET) May 1st. Awards will be announced by June 1st. [http://www.cangeoeducation.ca/programs/prodev/arnold\\_subsidy/](http://www.cangeoeducation.ca/programs/prodev/arnold_subsidy/)

**R. Tait McKenzie Award:** This award is PHE Canada's most prestigious award and is named after the

distinguished Canadian physician, sculptor and physical educator, Dr. R. Tait McKenzie. The award epitomizes Dr. Tait McKenzie's professional ideals, his service to humanity, and his dedication to the advancement of knowledge and understanding of physical and health education. This award is geared toward teachers, coaches, supervisors or administrator who have made a significant impact on physical education, health education/promotion, recreation, and dance and who have served the profession for at least 20 years. <http://www.phecanada.ca/awards/r-tait-mckenzie-award>

**North American Society Fellowship Award:** Established in 1999, the North American Society (NAS) Award recognizes outstanding professionals within the allied professions of health education, physical education, recreation, sport and dance in North America. The NAS Fellowship Award is for individuals who are currently members of Shape America or PHE Canada, are leaders of the profession, and have provided extensive contributions to the profession over the course of their careers. <http://www.phecanada.ca/awards/north-american-society-fellowship>

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**National Award for Teaching Excellence in Health Education:** The PHE Canada National Award for Teaching Excellence in Health Education honours Canadian teachers for their work in furthering health education in Canada and who provide outstanding teaching at the elementary, middle or secondary levels, and who have an exceptional ability to motivate students to participate in a healthy, active lifestyle. <http://www.phecanada.ca/awards/excellence-health-education>

**Student Leadership Award:** The Canadian Association of Principals are proud to sponsor the CAP Student Leadership Award. The purpose of this award is to afford principals the opportunity to recognize one of their student leaders and to enter that student as a nominee for a national scholarship. Nationally, the Canadian Association of Principals will administer the scholarship program.

The CAP Student Leadership Award is designed to provide the broadest possible base upon which to evaluate candidates. For the 2014-2015 program, twelve scholarships of \$250.00 each will be awarded.

(One scholarship per CAP provincial/territorial affiliate) Only students graduating in the final year of high school from a Canadian High School are eligible for nomination.

Each school that wishes to participate in the scholarship program is asked to nominate one student leader who has demonstrated outstanding leadership. Nominees should be in the top 20% of their class. Nominations are not based on need. The method of selection of the principal's nominee is a local decision. To assist you with your selection, you may use an existing scholarship committee or convene a committee similar to what may be used for other award programs.

<http://cdnprincipals.org/cap-student-leadership-award>