

Haskayne Alumni Awards

Nomination Guidelines and Eligibility

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Background

The Haskayne Alumni Awards celebrates alumni for successes that include and extend beyond professional achievement. It houses three award categories, including the long-standing Management Alumni Excellence Award, and acknowledges alumni in different life and professional stages. Haskayne Alumni Award recipients demonstrate leadership, commitment, excellence, integrity and service.

Haskayne Alumni Awards categories:

- **Management Alumni Excellence (MAX) Award** will continue its history of celebrating alumni excellence in the areas of professional innovation, support of the Haskayne School of Business, and community leadership.
- **Rising Star Award** celebrates an alumnus or alumna who graduated within the past 10 years (2014-2023) and is enjoying early career success, demonstrating their support of the Haskayne School of Business and who is stepping up as a community leader.
- **Big Ideas Bold Leaders Award** celebrates an alumnus or alumna for a noteworthy contribution not limited to professional success.

The Management Alumni Excellence Award was established in 2002. In 2019, the Rising Star Award and Big Ideas Bold Leaders Award categories were introduced to recognize alumni at different stages in their career journeys.

Eligibility

- Nominees must have earned a degree from the Haskayne School of Business, University of Calgary.
- Former Management Alumni Excellence Award winners may not be nominated for another Haskayne Alumni Awards category.
- Current members of the Haskayne Alumni Awards Selection Committee are not eligible.
- Faculty and staff of the University of Calgary are eligible if they are Haskayne alumni; however, their contributions should be above and beyond those expected in their normal duties.
- Anonymous and self-nominations will not be accepted.

Nominations

- Nominations and all supplemental information must be received by the posted deadline to be considered for the award in that year. Nominations received after the deadline will be held and considered for future awards.
- All nominations that do not fulfill the selection guidelines will not be considered.
- Nominations are confidential and candidates are not notified by the Haskayne School of Business of their nomination unless they are selected as an award recipient.

Format

- All nominations must be submitted electronically via the Haskayne School of Business alumni web page.
- All nominations that do not fulfill the selection guidelines will not be considered.
- Alternate arrangements for submitting a nomination and/or supplemental materials may be made by contacting the Haskayne Alumni Office at alumni@haskayne.ucalgary.ca.

Review Process and Awards Selection

- All submissions will be screened by the Haskayne Alumni Office. Shortlisted candidates will be shared with the Haskayne Alumni Awards Selection Committee.
- The Haskayne Alumni Awards Selection Committee will oversee the selection process.
- The Haskayne Alumni Awards Selection Committee shall consist of up to nine (9) members and will be comprised of a past Haskayne Alumni Award recipients, Management Advisory Council members, community members, Dean of the Haskayne School of Business (ex officio) and a representative from the Haskayne School of Business Alumni Office (ex officio)
 - Committee members must disclose any perceived conflicts of interest. The committee member may be excused from the selection process of one or more categories or process as a whole.
- Should a candidate be nominated in two or more categories, the Haskayne Alumni Awards Selection Committee will determine the appropriate category and notify the nominator(s) as necessary.
- Nominees not selected will be held over for consideration for two additional years for a total of three years.
 - Nominators will be given an opportunity to update their submission.
- Results of the selection process will be compiled and confirmed at the Haskayne Alumni Awards Selection Committee meeting where shortlisted nominations are discussed. The Haskayne Alumni Awards Selection Committee will present their top choice plus alternate in each category to the Dean, Haskayne School of Business. If less than two qualified candidates are identified through the nominating process the committee reserves the right to put one or no candidates forward.
- The selection process is confidential and may result in:
 - the nominee being assigned to a different category than originally nominated to by the selection committee;
 - no award being bestowed in a category;
 - more than one award bestowed in a category.
- Chosen honorees will be notified via telephone or in writing by the Dean, Haskayne School of Business. The Haskayne Alumni Office will follow-up to confirm next steps with honorees and notify nominators of successful nominations.
- Awards will be presented at the Haskayne Alumni Awards Ceremony held in the Fall
- Should the candidate refuse the award, the Haskayne Alumni Award Selection Committee reserves the right to offer the award to another candidate or to not offer the award.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria are equally weighted and shall be used to determine the eligibility of alumni nominated for the Haskayne Alumni Awards.

1. Each nominee must be a graduate of the Haskayne School of Business.
2. The candidate(s) selected to receive the award must attend the presentation ceremony, except in rare circumstances (posthumous award, unexpected illness or emergency). If the candidate is unable to attend (posthumous award or due to unexpected illness or emergency), they may designate another to receive the award on their behalf.

While this award is intended to be based on individual accomplishment, it is recognized that many successful couples and business partners are both Haskayne alumni. In cases where the success of an individual graduate and that of their partner is equally valid, a nomination for a couple may be submitted. Any award made as a result of such a nomination will be of the same value as that which would be awarded to a single individual.

All valid nominations shall comprise the pool of eligible candidates on an ongoing basis and shall be reviewed by each incoming selection committee. An eligible candidate will be automatically reconsidered for two additional years provided their eligibility status remains unchanged.

Awards & honorariums

1. Management Alumni Excellence (MAX) Award – 1 recipient
2. Rising Star Award – 1 recipient (introduced in 2019)
3. Big Ideas Bold Leaders Award – 1 recipient (introduced in 2019)

Selection Criteria: Management Alumni Excellence (MAX) Award

In its selection of the recipient of the Management Alumni Excellence Award, the committee will consider the extent to which nominees demonstrate leadership, commitment, excellence, integrity and service through the following four, equally weighted, criteria.

- A. The nominee is a trailblazer who drives innovation and industry change in his or her profession/industry.
 - For example:
 - i. Demonstrates an ability to forge new paths to diverse and inclusive organizations
 - ii. Disrupts industries or changes the way businesses or consumers behave
 - iii. Leads professional/industry groups (i.e. boards/committees/associations)
- B. The nominee is an advocate of higher education and in particular, business studies at the Haskayne School of Business.
 - For example:
 - i. Recruits students for summer jobs, co-op programs or permanent positions
 - ii. Contributes directly to a post-secondary scholarship or financially contributes to the University of Calgary

- C. The nominee demonstrates service to the University of Calgary, the Haskayne School of Business and business students' career development.
 - For example:
 - i. Volunteers to mentor/advise business students; speak in class or to student groups
 - ii. Volunteers as a committee member at the Haskayne School of Business or university
- D. The nominee has positively influenced the lives of others through significant contributions to his or her community, outside of the university.
 - For example:
 - i. Recognized by local or national volunteer organizations for service and leadership
 - ii. Supports diverse community organizations with volunteer time and philanthropic contributions

Selection Criteria: Rising Star Award

In its selection of the recipient of the Rising Star Award the committee will consider the extent to which nominees demonstrate early career leadership, commitment, excellence, integrity and service through the following four, equally weighted, criteria. This award honours alumni who have graduated within the past 10 years (2014-2023) and are beginning to demonstrate the core pillars of the MAX recipient. They are on their way to achieving MAX recognition.

- A. The nominee is showing the traits of a trailblazer who is beginning to drive innovation and industry change in his or her profession/industry.
 - For example:
 - i. Demonstrates an ability to forge new paths to diverse and inclusive organizations
 - ii. Disrupts industries or changes the way businesses or consumers behave
 - iii. Leads professional/industry groups (i.e. boards/committees/associations)
- B. The nominee is an advocate of higher education and in particular, business studies at the Haskayne School of Business.
 - For example:
 - i. Recruits students for summer jobs, co-op programs or permanent positions
 - ii. Participates in Haskayne events or initiatives
- C. The nominee demonstrates service to the University of Calgary, the Haskayne School of Business and business students' career development.
 - For example:
 - i. Volunteers to mentor/advise business students; speak in class or to student groups
 - ii. Volunteers as a committee member at the Haskayne School of Business or university
- D. The nominee is actively involved in their community and is emerging as a community leader.
 - For example:
 - i. Recognized by local or national volunteer organizations for service and leadership
 - ii. Supports diverse community organizations with volunteer time and/or philanthropic contributions

Selection Criteria: Big Ideas Bold Leaders Award

In its selection of Big Ideas Bold Leaders Award recipient, the committee will consider the extent to which nominees are doing great things that ultimately inspire and impact those around them. One alumni will receive this award annually. In determining the recipient, consider the following:

- A. Did the alumni's big idea or bold leadership inspire notable action, thought, or change?
- B. Did the alumni's big idea or bold leadership motivate others to raise the bar on their own community or professional endeavors?
- C. Did the alumni's big idea or bold leadership result in positive change and service to their community or to those around them?

List of Haskayne Alumni Award Recipients

* Professional titles and companies associated with the award winners reflect the time at which the award was presented.

Management Alumni Excellence (MAX) Award

PAST RECIPIENTS		
2023	Saifa Koonar, BComm'92, MBA'02	President and CEO, Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation
2022	Allison Taylor, MBA'01 Jason Brooks, BComm'92	CEO and Co-Founder, Invico Capital President and Co-Founder, Invico Capital
2021	Eleanor Chiu, BComm'85	CFO, Trico Group; Director, Trico Charitable Foundation
2020	Al Monaco, MBA'97	President and CEO, Enbridge
2019	Dawn Farrell, BComm'83, MA'85	President and CEO, TransAlta Corporation
2018	Derrick Hunter, MBA'90	President, Bluesky Equities Limited
2017	Shahauna Siddiqui, MBA'01	Partner, DHR International
2016	Larry Shelley, BComm'80	Managing Partner, Citrus Capital Partners
2015	Curtis Probst, BComm'89	Managing Director, Rocky Mountain Institute
2014	Glen Schmidt, BSc'81, MBA'94	President and CEO, Laricina Energy Ltd.
2013	Thomas Buchanan, BComm'79	CEO and Director, Spyglass Resources Corp
2012	Helen Wesley, BComm'91	Executive Vice President, Talisman
2011	Eva Friesen, MBA'00	President and CEO, The Calgary Foundation
2010	Mike Shaikh, BComm'77	Chair, Calgary Police Commission
2009	George Gosbee, BComm'93	President & CEO AltaCorp Capital Inc., Founder Tristone Capital
2008	Russell Girling, BComm'85, MBA '91	President, Pipelines, TransCanada Corporation
2007	Kenneth McKinnon, BComm'80	VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel, Critical Mass Inc.; Partner, Sundog Eyewear
2006	David Byler, BComm'78	Executive VP, Natural Gas & Renewable Energy, Suncor Energy
2005	Brian Bass, BA'71, BComm'73	Member, University Board of Governors, Senate & Alumni Association
2004	Lesley Conway, MBA'89	President, Hopewell Residential Communities
2003	W. Brett Wilson, MBA'85	Chairman, Prairie Merchant Corporation, Co-Founder First Energy Capital
2002	Hal Kvisle, MBA'82	President & CEO, TransCanada Pipelines Limited
2001	Charles Fischer, BSc'72, MBA '82	President & CEO, Nexen Inc
2000	Michael Tims, BComm'76	Co-Chairman, Peters & Co. Limited

Rising Star Award

PAST RECIPIENTS		
2023	Carol Yan, BComm'13	EMEA Head of Energy Transition and Renewables, Amazon Web Services (AWS)
2022	Victoria Ross, BComm'18	CEO & Founder, aGRO Systems
2021	Audra Stevenson, MBA'17	Principal, Fresh Angles Inc.
2020	Tara Weber, MBA'17	Western Bureau Chief, BNN Bloomberg
2019	Mark Blackwell, BComm'11	Partner, Builders VC

Big Ideas Bold Leaders Award

PAST RECIPIENTS		
2023	Michael Torrance, BA'02, BComm'02	Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer, BMO Financial Group
2022	Janice Tran, BA'11, BComm'11	Co-Founder and CEO, Kanin Energy
2021	Whitney Rockley, MBA'97	Co-Founder and Managing Partner, McRock Capital
2020	Cole Orobetz, BComm'06	Co-Founder, CEO and CFO, Alpha Foods
2019	Patrick Lor, BA'90, EMBA'01	Managing Partner, Panache Ventures