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Alumni Achievement Awards

About the Awards

In 1998, Toronto Metropolitan University, formerly known as Ryerson University, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding and its fifth as a university. This occasion provided a special opportunity to create the Alumni Achievement Awards to recognize the superior calibre of alumni. Our alumni have carried forward with them the strength of our programs, which are distinguished by Toronto Metropolitan University's view that theory and professional practice are partners in the education process.

Recognition of the recipients will be at an annual Alumni Achievement Awards ceremony. Recipients will be honoured with a video bio and a certificate at a reception for their friends and family. All recipients will have a plaque with a photo and bio mounted on the Alumni Hall of Fame on campus.

The University reserves the right, in its discretion, to revoke an award granted to a recipient should circumstances arise that, in its opinion, could unfavourably impact the reputation and/or image of the University.

Award Categories

Alumni Award of Distinction — This award is given for outstanding professional achievement. Alumni in this category have achieved true distinction in their professional lives and performed distinguished personal service in their communities. Alumni Award of Distinction recipients reflect and recognize, in

their actions and deeds, the importance of their Toronto Metropolitan University education. Through their stature, integrity and ability, they inspire students, faculty and staff.

Isadore Sharp Outstanding Recent Graduate — This award recognizes alumni who, within 10 years of graduation, have achieved distinction in their professional lives and performed notable personal service in their communities. The award is named for Isadore Sharp, Architectural Technology '52, the founder and chairman of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, and an inaugural recipient of the Alumni Achievement Awards.

2025 Award Recipients

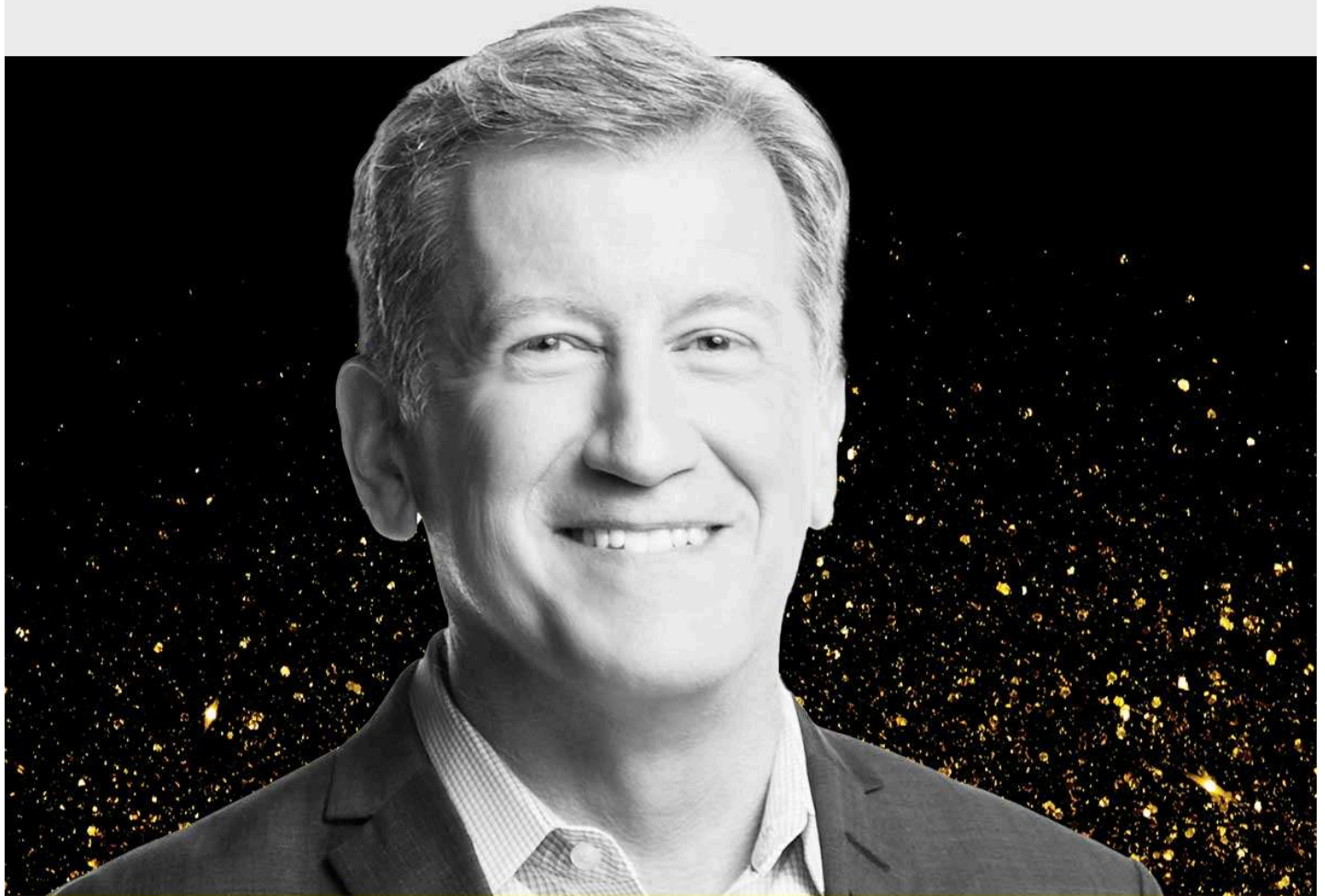
Alumni Awards of Distinction



Varinder "Vinny" Bhathal

Business Management '04

Managing Partner, Chief Controller & Treasurer, Sprott Inc. and Chief Financial Officer, Sprott Asset Management LP



Paul Hunter

Journalism '82

CBC Bureau Chief, Washington, D.C.



Joy Malbon

Journalism '82

CTV Bureau Chief, Washington, D.C.



Steve Orsini

Urban and Regional Planning '81

President and CEO, Council of Ontario Universities



Warren G. Salmon

Applied Computer Science '85

Founder and CEO of Black Board International and First Fridays

Isadore Sharp Outstanding Recent Graduate Award



Dr. Eno Hysi

Medical Physics '10, Biomedical Physics (MSc) '12, PhD '20

Canada Research Chair



Anuja Varghese

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Management '19

Author

Nominate a Graduate

Alumni Award of Distinction nomination form



Isadore Sharp Outstanding Recent Graduate Award nomination form



Digital Badge

Award recipients can learn about their digital badge



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Carol Bell

Mark Benadiba

Dr. Judy Bernhard

Dr. Ron Besse

Varinder “Vinny” Bhathal

Anthony Biglieri

Mark Bishop

Hala Bissada

Hala Bissada

Harry Black

Tania Bortolotto

Rick Brace

Jim Bullock

Dr. Edward Burtynsky

Matt Butko

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Jamie Campbell

Bryan Cantley

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Andria Case

Andrew Cividino

Al Coates

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Lisa Codrington

Sheri Cohen

Tish Cohen

Carol Couchie

Sabrina Craig

Cathy Crowe

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Dave Devall

Bill Dover

Dwight Drummond

Paul Duffy

Genevieve D'Souza

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Lynn Factor

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Lynda Friendly

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David Keighley

Perry Keller

Sharifa Khan

Keith Kocho

Murray Koebel

Jules Arita Koostachin

Che Kothari

Christina Kramer

L

John Lahey

Andy Lai

Jeremy Laing

Susan Langdon

Jane Langdon

Jane Langdon

Karin Larson

David Layton

Dr. Arthur Lee

Teriano Lesancha

Elisa Levi

Lee Liu

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Joy Malbon

Dr. Eric McCormack

Bruce McCuaig

Brennan McEachran

David McKibbon

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Jillian Meyer, née McKinley

Emily Mills

Sunny Mokha

Zanele Muholi

Wendy Muller

Alessandro Munge

Ross Mutton

Timothy Muttoo

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Lekan Olawoye

Steve Orsini

Michael Oschefski

Alon Ozery

Patrick O'Hanlon

Terry O'Reilly

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John Paton

Keith Pelley

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Francy Pillo-Blocka

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Rodney Yip

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Todd Young

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Jeannette Zingg

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