

2009 ARMS Award Ceremony

The Founders Award

-Created two years ago by ARMS exact to acknowledge someone new to the program who makes a real impression given that other awards are generally won by those who have been around longer. This is for an exceptional individual who shows passion for the program and promise to develop into an outstanding student and graduate. Last years winner was Heather MacDonald and Katie Heckman the year before...both of whom have indeed been exceptional and who have become outstanding students as promised.

Pleased to have a number of worthy candidates;

Ashley Beck-Sayer: saw the light and came over from kinesiology and knows that doing something you love is incredibly important in choosing a path and feels that recreation is her true calling; she shows unbelievable dedication to her studies and is not satisfied until her work is done to the very best of her ability...

Kevin Forney: his spirit and persistence are both worth acknowledging. He has been one of the most consistent contributors to ARMS this year and his dedication to professional development is inspiring to even the senior students in the program.

Brownyn Hughes: she is outgoing, positive and a strong leader. She has consistently shown interest in ARMS and the direction it is taking and she has taken on many tasks. Her input, energy, questions and ideas are very impressive.

Maxwell Marshall: He is dedicated to the program, to his studies, and to the community; his class participation offers amazing depth on all topics and his incredibly optimistic outlook is inspiring to the whole class

Amanda Outhouse: She is definitely a leader amongst the first years, she is an active member of ARMS, has great public speaking skills, and contributes her thoughtful opinions in class discussions

Ryan Trimper: he is a quiet leader who likes to learn, who has been a very active member of ARMS and who has contributed to the events held throughout the year...

And the Founders Award goes to 3 time nominee...Max Marshall

Live & Learn Award

This award was started by a group of highly dedicated students and ARMS members who spent a year putting on an international conference for rec students here at Acadia during Feb break in 2001. It was an overwhelming success that other universities have tried to follow but have failed to do so. They even made a profit and used those funds to establish this award. It recognized that student who works hard to enhance the quality of life and learning for others around him or her.

Lara Abramson: she has the ability to make everyone else feel welcome in a group environment and she helps others be able to perform at their best...her very presence makes everyone else a little better at what they do

Katie Heckman: she has shown great interest in the program constantly helping out others and enhancing their quality of life...in the program, the recreation community, and in many other communities...she is indeed an excellent individual.

Andrew Koza: his enthusiasm is contagious; his very presence has served to enhance the quality of life for everyone else around him making him a perfect for this award

Amanda Penrice: she has been able to successfully balance social, academic, and extra curricular activities and has tried to ensure that the experiences of both her friends and her peers have been positive and memorable. She is well known and well liked by all which is a true testament to her success at being a well rounded individual who enhances the quality of life and learning for others.

Jeremy Ralph: He has contributed a tremendous amount of work toward developing, improving, and ensuring that the intramural program meets the needs of participants. He strives to offering the most rewarding experiences possible.

And the 2009 Live and Learn award goes to....your ARMS facilitator...Amanda Penrice

Community Leadership and Volunteerism Award

This award acknowledges our community development mission and our volunteer ethic. It is awarded annually to a student who really stands out for his or her leadership and volunteerism within the community.

Katherine Heckman: she puts an enormous amount of time and effort into creating positive experiences for all working with such groups as Wolfville waves, kinderskills, big brothers/sisters, women of Wolfville, JUDES, Alexander society, valley soccer and on initiatives such first year orientation, rec to quebec, and relay for life to name but a few. Her impressive record speaks for itself.

Andrew Koza: the work that he has as a volunteer fire fighter ensuring the safety of everyone in the community is worthy of recognition.

Nicole Larade: She is always filled with heart warming stories of her extra curricular activities. Her passion for working with others either through mentoring kids in track, being a Smile leader, or providing leadership to relay for life is indeed an inspiration to all.

Jane Walker: Jane has been an active member of ARMS this year, filling in as finance coordinator part way through the year. She has played a strong role within the society as well as working hard on other community based initiatives such as the Hannah Miller Hockey tournament. She is a dedicated volunteer every day working to make communities better.

Andrew Waters: behind that exterior is a person who gives so very much of himself ... in the services of other in such diverse ways....be that as a tireless worker behind the scenes to facilitate the many events that we as rec students have the opportunity to enjoy; working with his group of 80+ year old females friends to ensure that their annual booksale takes place; or hanging out at the fire station trained and at the ready in case someone somewhere in the community is in distress.

And the Community leadership and volunteer award goes to ...Katie Heckman.

And the other Community leadership and volunteer award goes to...Andrew Waters.