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# Danielle Dilkes

Dean's Awards of Excellence for Staff  
Innovation Award

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*“Danielle has been, and continues to be, a model of calm, effective innovation amidst the turmoil of change.”*

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# Janet Holmes

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Continuous Excellence Award

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*“Striving for continuous excellence seems to be a natural aspiration for Janet. She very quickly took it upon herself to go the extra mile to not only get additional training but become an expert in many areas.”*

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# Dr. Tanya Thornton

Schulich Award of Excellence for Faculty in  
Community/Distributed Sites

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*“Tanya is the embodiment of a family practitioner who puts her patients first. She spares nothing in ensuring that her patients receive compassionate and personalized care.”*

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# Dr. Behzad Hassani

Schulich Continuing Medical Education  
Educator Award



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*“Behzad has a great ability to instill passion and excitement for learners at any stage of learning, whether medical students, clerks, residents and staff physicians.”*

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# Dr. Jamie Wickett

Schulich Excellence in Education Award  
Graduate/Postgraduate - Educator

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*“Jamie’s dedication to her patients, students and colleagues while maintaining a very busy schedule is not something that just anybody can accomplish to the level in which she has demonstrated. Her experiences have helped mentor her students and colleagues alike and will continue to for years to come.”*

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# Dr. Chris Watling

Schulich Excellence in Education Award  
Graduate/Postgraduate - Distinguished Leader

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*“Chris is how every Dean should be. He is open and collaborative. He seeks to remedy issues with policy-based change and elicits the opinions of all relevant stakeholders in order to ensure a balanced perspective.”*

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# Dr. Julie Ann Van Koughnett

Schulich Excellence in Education Award  
Graduate/Postgraduate - Leader

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*“Julie has a compassion and understanding which creates an atmosphere of teamwork, she is approachable, and her high level of honesty and genuine caring motivates us, and in the hard times of residency, reminds us why we chose this profession of caring.”*

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# Dr. Caitlin Cassidy

Schulich Excellence in Education Award  
Undergraduate Education - Educator



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*“Caitlin is attentive, patient, and always supportive in dealing with students, and provides the kind of gold-standard feedback that helps make any student better moving forward.”*

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# Paula Foster, PhD

Dean's Awards of Excellence for Faculty  
Research

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*“Paula has a way of getting her students to think outside the box, with respect to experimental research, and together, create ideas which push the limits of what is thought to be attainable.”*

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# Dr. Thomas Freeman

Dean's Awards of Excellence for Faculty  
Lifetime Achievement Award

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*“Tom’s expertise, commitment and dedication to medicine, teaching, scholarly work, research and knowledge translation has been a foundation for the Department of Family Medicine right from its inception.”*

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# Michael Farquhar

Associate Dean's Award of Excellence  
in Medical Education



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*“The learners’ best interests are Michael’s first priority and it is evident in the way that he conducts his work and carries out his position here in Windsor.”*



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# Dr. Ian Brown

Educators' Award of Excellence  
in Medical Education





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*“Ian is committed to ensuring that all learners receive the best experience possible. He continually seeks feedback and engages in conversations to improve learning situations and change policies and procedures.”*

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# Kawmadi Abeytunge

Learner Peer Award of Excellence  
in Medical Education



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*“Kawmadi connects with every person in our class and genuinely wants to see everyone succeed. She inspires me to also take those moments to check in with classmates.”*



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# Dr. Alexander Presello

Dr. Colin Nisbet Award for Excellence  
in Emergency Medicine



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*“Alexander’s passion for Emergency Medicine is outdone only by his skill and knowledge in the field. He exhibits all the compassion and patience that I would hope a doctor would have toward my own family or friends.”*