



UNIVERSITY  
OF ALBERTA

2023

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AWARDS

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## **WELCOME**

**Elan MacDonald**

Vice-President (External Relations)

## **REMARKS FROM THE UNIVERSITY**

**Bill Flanagan**

President and Vice-Chancellor

## **GREETINGS FROM THE CITY**

**His Worship Amarjeet Sohi**

Mayor of Edmonton

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS COMMUNITY SCHOLAR AWARD**

**Nathalie Kermaal**

## **COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD**

**Monty Ghosh**

## **U OF A ADVOCATE AWARD**

**The Friends of the University of Alberta Society**

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

**Elan MacDonald**

Vice-President (External Relations)

# 2023 RECIPIENTS

## COMMUNITY SCHOLAR AWARD

**Nathalie Kermaal**

The Community Scholar Award recognizes University of Alberta faculty members who not only excel in their scholarship but also readily and frequently bring that scholarship into the community. **Nathalie** is a true model of ethical engagement, embodying the “4 Rs” of Indigenous research (respect, reciprocity, relevance and responsibility) with the goal of creating mutually beneficial partnerships between the university and the Métis, and between Métis scholars, students and community members locally, regionally and nationally.

## COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD

**Monty Ghosh**

The Community Leader Award recognizes University of Alberta employees, post-doctoral fellows, or students who have made a valuable contribution to bridging the university's commitment to learning, discovery, and citizenship with the community. **Monty** specialises in community capacity-building for vulnerable populations in Alberta and uses his research skills to better communities that do not have access to traditional harm reduction resources. His community-based work has helped save lives and has been transformative for the fields of addiction medicine and harm reduction.

## U OF A ADVOCATE AWARD

**The Friends of the the University of Alberta Society**

The U of A Advocate Award recognizes a person, team, organization, or business that, although they are not situated at the university, contribute to the university experience or make life better for faculty, staff, or students. **Friends of the University of Alberta Society** is a volunteer organization that has committed itself to promoting, advocating for and supporting the University of Alberta. For 80 years, they have used their positive engagement, advocacy, and financial contributions to continue to strengthen and support the university and the community at large.



# **FUTURE NOMINATIONS**

The University of Alberta's Community Connections Awards honour individuals and groups who have embodied the U of A's promise to "uplift the whole people" by sharing their expertise, time, and energy for the benefit of the public good.

Do you know someone who is making a difference in our community? Nominations for the 2024 Awards open in Fall.

[uab.ca/ccs](https://uab.ca/ccs)

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional gathering place for diverse Indigenous peoples including the Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway/ Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Inuit, and many others whose histories, languages, and cultures continue to influence our vibrant community.



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