



REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES' FOUNDATION INC.

Spring 2023

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation, Inc. (RPNF) has been busy over the winter. We are pleased to send this update on the activities of the foundation!

- **Highlights of the 2022 Gold Medal of Excellence Recipients at the Winnipeg and Brandon Campuses**
- **The RPNF 2022 Bursary recipient announcement!**
- **News on the RPNF 50/50 Fundraiser**
- **Save The Date for the RPNF Virtual Scholarships & Awards Reception for 2023 on May 10**
- **Announcement of the RPNF Annual General Meeting on May 29**
- **RPNF Awards of Excellence Nominations Open**
- **Early Bird Registration link for the 2023 Psychiatric Nursing Education and Practice Canadian Virtual Conference (May 1, 2, and 3)**

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2022 MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS Brandon University (Winnipeg & Brandon Campuses)

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation awards its Medal of Excellence annually to graduating students who have consistently demonstrated leadership, academic excellence and clinical proficiency, in the Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Program at Brandon University.

Two medals are awarded annually, one to a student from the Winnipeg campus and one to a student at the Brandon campus. The Medals are awarded by a representative of the RPNF at each of the graduation receptions. We are pleased to highlight the following 2022 recipients in this publication.



Riley Hammond

Riley Hammond (Class of '22) was awarded the RPNF 2022 Medal of Excellence for the Brandon Campus last fall at the site of his current studies, the Clinical Health Academy (ECHA) in Edmonton (Treaty 6 territory). Riley is pursuing his Master of Science in Public Health, specializing in Health Policy Research. Riley is employed at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and is also engaged in research with the Inner City Health & Wellness Program investigating the lived experiences of people who use drugs in the inner city, including how their health and harm reduction perceptions and practices are impacted by the built urban environment.

Pictured: Riley Hammond and Bev Gradidge (RPNF President)

Evana Popovich

Evana Popovich (Class of '22) was awarded the RPNF 2022 Medal of Excellence for the Winnipeg Campus last summer at the 2022 graduation celebration. Evana is currently working full-time in community mental health for the PACT program as a service coordinator. Additionally, she works casually as a nurse clinician at the Crisis Response Centre. This past fall she had the opportunity to be a preceptor with Brandon University. She enjoyed this very much as it provided her with an opportunity to stay connected to the University and give back. She is currently exploring different educational institutions and programs to pursue a master's degree.



Pictured: Jennifer Adair (RPNF Vice-Pres, Evana Popovich, Lisa Kordalchuk (Chair, Department of Psych Nursing, BU), Dana Naismith (RPNF Board)





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**CONGRATULATIONS to the RPNF's 2022
BURSARY RECIPIENT**

Congratulations to Patrick San Vicente, recipient of the Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation Bursary for 2022! Patrick San Vicente is a 4th Year Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing Student at Brandon University and was awarded \$611.81. Patrick would like to thank the RPNF for the bursary award. The RPNF wishes Patrick well in his continued studies!

RPNF 50/50 Fundraiser and Scholarships & Awards Reception

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation, Inc. invites you to get your tickets for the RPNF 50/50 Raffle. Draw closes May 10. Tickets can be purchased by visiting <https://www.fundingchange.ca/rpnf> (LGCA 4931-RF-40517)

Draw will be held immediately before the start of the Virtual **2023 RPNF Scholarships & Awards Reception** being held on **May 10 at 7pm CT**. Please save the date! Thank-you for supporting the profession of Psychiatric Nursing!



SAVE THE DATE for the RPNF Annual General Meeting

The RPNF will hold it's Annual General Meeting on **May 29 from 12pm to 1pm CT**. For Zoom links to the Virtual 2023 RPNF Scholarships and Awards Reception (May 10) or the 2023 AGM, please email info@rpnf.ca

RPNF 2023 Awards of Excellence Nominations Open!

Nominate a **Registered Psychiatric Nurse in Manitoba** for the **RPNF's 2023 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE** in one of the **PSYCHIATRIC NURSING PRACTICE** domains of **EDUCATION, CLINICAL, RESEARCH or LEADERSHIP**.

Go to <https://www.rpnf.ca/awards-of-excellence> for more information.

Nominations close March 31, 2023

2023 Psychiatric Nursing Education and Practice Canadian Virtual Conference

Registration is now open for the 2023 Psychiatric Nursing Education and Practice Virtual Conference: Our History-Our Future (May 1, 2 and 3). See link below for rates and brief descriptions of Keynote Address and conference presentations. Full programme schedule/syllabi will be sent electronically to all participants in April. Recording of the conference will be available to all participants for a short time following conference dates. Please share widely with your contacts.

Please note: Early Bird registration fee ends April 5.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/574344809787>

For more information about the RPNF, follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) or visit our website at www.rpnf.ca. Join our mailing list by signing up [here](#).

A sincere thank-you to our Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation Donors who make these Scholarships and Awards possible. Go to <https://www.rpnf.ca/support-the-foundation/donations> to learn how you can support the RPNF.

