

2025 Recipients of the AAU Regional Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Educational Leadership Announced



Dr. Mary Oxner
St. Francis Xavier University
*2025 AAU Distinguished Teaching
Award Recipient*



Dr. Andrew Zinck
University of Prince Edward Island
*2025 AAU Distinguished Teaching
Award Recipient*



Dr. Rob Power
Cape Breton University
*2025 AAU Anne Marie MacKinnon
Educational Leadership Award Recipient*

September 23, 2025

HALIFAX, N.S. - The Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) today announced the recipients of its annual Regional Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Educational Leadership.

The three AAU Teaching Award recipients are: Dr. Mary Oxner, Department of Accounting & Finance, Faculty of Business, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS; Dr. Andrew Zinck, Department of Music, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PE; and Dr. Rob Power, School of Education and Health, Cape Breton University, Sydney, NS.

AAU member universities proposed nominees for the Teaching Awards program and recipients are selected by the [AAU's Coordinating Committee on Faculty Development](#).

[Dr. Power](#) received the 2025 AAU Anne Marie MacKinnon Educational Leadership Award. This award recognizes an individual who significantly influences teaching practice and the quality and breadth of student learning experiences beyond their own teaching assignment and context.

[Dr. Oxner](#) and [Dr. Zinck](#), each received the 2025 AAU Distinguished Teaching Award. This award recognizes excellence in university teaching over a number of years, primarily at the undergraduate level.

Dr. Paul J. Mazerolle, President and Vice Chancellor, University of New Brunswick and Chair, AAU, said, "The AAU Teaching Awards program represents core values of our universities: student success, innovation, and leadership. Those honoured today are true innovators in the classroom, the laboratory, and community. Their commitment to great teaching is testimony to the high quality of student experience offered by Atlantic Universities that inspires our students to become the next generation of scholars and community leaders."

The [AAU](#) represents the 16 universities in Atlantic Canada and serves as an advocate for the important role Atlantic universities play in preparing future leaders of our communities, in path-breaking research and innovation and in contributing to the economic prosperity and quality of life of the Atlantic region.

-30-

For further information, contact:

Cindy MacKenzie
St. Francis Xavier University
902.867.2401
cmackenz@stfx.ca

Lenore Parsley
Cape Breton University
902.574.1299
Lenore_parsley@cbu.ca

Nicole Phillips
University of Prince Edward Island
902.566.0947
nphillips@upei.ca