

Emma McGill

2025 Gala Co-Host



My name is Emma McGill and it is an honour to be hosting the 2025 Business Hall of Fame.

I am a Junior Achievement Company Program Alumni, having completed four years of the program at Lockview High School. Throughout my time with JA, I held various leadership roles, including Vice President of Production, Vice President of Human Resources, Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility, and President. My dedication and support of my peers earned me the Vice President of Production award, Catherine Colson Memorial Scholarship, and the Company of the Year Award.

Junior Achievement has provided me with so many opportunities. I have attended events such as the Business Hall of Fame and the Halifax Chamber of Commerce Wonder Women Conference. I pitched several business ideas in competitions, winning the Minister's Entrepreneurship Award, and gained skills that have shaped my future—public speaking, pitching, business planning, teamwork, delegation, and leadership. These qualities have continued to benefit me in my work and studies.

Currently, I am in my fifth year at Saint Mary's University, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Astrophysics. In my second year, I returned to Junior Achievement as an Advisor for the Lockview program, where I learned to lead through another lens: mentorship. This alternative perspective allowed me to further appreciate JA for all it is, by watching students find their unique paths and helping them develop skills.

While my degree is in science, business remains a meaningful part of my life. The spark ignited by Junior Achievement continues—I now work with the Enactus team at Saint Mary's and am developing Gluten Free Living, a platform for people with Celiac disease and gluten intolerances to connect, access information, and save money. That's why I truly believe Junior Achievement is a transformative program, it empowers students to explore their interests in a hands-on, collaborative way.

I am deeply grateful to Junior Achievement for helping shape the person I am today, and I am thrilled to celebrate the 2025 inductees into the Business Hall of Fame. Congratulations to each of you—your achievements are inspiring the next generation, and tonight, we honour the legacies you're building.