



# Gala Host Julia Sampson

Hello! My name is Julia Sampson, and I am so excited to be one of your Hosts at this year's Business Hall of Fame.

I am currently in my first year at Saint Mary's University, where I am pursuing a Bachelor of Science with a plan to major in biology. Alongside my studies, I am also a member of the Saint Mary's women's basketball team as well as a proud Junior Achievement alumna.

Before university, I participated in the JA Company Program, where I had an incredibly rewarding three years. I gained hands-on experience in many different areas of business leadership through the roles I took on, such as President, Vice President of Production, Vice President of Marketing, and Vice President of Technology.

During my time in the program, I was honoured to receive both the Vice President of Technology Award and the Vice President of Marketing Award. Our company was also recognized with several achievements, including Company of the Year, Most Sustainable Company, and highest dollar sales at the trade fair. While these accolades were incredibly rewarding, what I valued most from my time in Company Program were the experiences, connections, and opportunities it gave me, which not only helped me build confidence and develop strong leadership skills but also sparked a lasting interest in business and innovation.

Junior Achievement has had a meaningful impact on my journey, and although I've decided to pursue my studies in science, I'm confident that the business experience and knowledge I gained through JA will continue to benefit me, no matter where my path leads. I am truly grateful to Junior Achievement for the support and opportunities the program has provided me, including the opportunity to serve as MC for this year's Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame.

I'm looking forward to sharing my experiences with the next generation of Junior Achievers as well as celebrating this year's inductees and their incredible accomplishments.

See you there!