

NS Business Hall of Fame Announcement

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Halifax, NS - JA Nova Scotia (JANS) is proud to announce this year's 33rd Class of Laureates and 2nd Annual Legacy In The Making Recipients being honoured at the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame on October 14th, 2026 at the Halifax Convention Centre.

Our Laureates have been chosen for their unmatched dedication and commitment, their lifetime contributions to the economic development and growth of Nova Scotia. This year we will celebrate:

James Kehoe
Thomas (Tim) Moore
and
William (Bill) Hay (posthumous)

Nova Scotia's newest award, Legacy In The Making, recognizes emerging entrepreneurs within the first 15 years of their professional journey who are building businesses, and lives, of purpose and impact. This year they include:

Jaime Landry
Mina Mekhail
and
Ross Simmonds

"Each year, as I learn more about our inductees and recipients, I look forward to sharing their stories", says Shannon Harding, Present & CEO of JA Nova Scotia. "these are role models for JA youth; individuals to learn from, and aspire to emulate."

Biographies have been prepared and are published on our website. Mark your calendar and join us at this year's gala. Tickets are now on sale. To learn more visit nsbusinesshalloffame.ca.

Laureates and Legacy In The Making Recipients are formally welcomed into the NS Business Hall of Fame at the Induction Gala hosted at the Halifax Convention Centre in Halifax on October 14th, 2025.

The NS Business Hall of Fame Gala is the signature fundraising event in support of JA Nova Scotia. Funds are used to provide financial health, work readiness, and entrepreneurship programs, at no cost, to youth across the province. Learn more by visiting www.janovascotia.ca.

Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame

Each year the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame inducts some of Nova Scotia's most influential and successful leaders, change makers and entrepreneurs. These individuals showcase the province's strength, tenacity, resiliency and courage as they helped shape our city, our province and beyond.

The inaugural Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame was held, by JA Nova Scotia, in 1993 and has become an institution of unmatched significance to the province. To learn more about our past Laureates or to nominate someone for their lifetime achievements please visit the Nova Scotia Laureates website.

Laureates are inducted based on their outstanding contribution to the success of a business or profession, outstanding entrepreneurial achievement and being an effective leader in business and community, while being a role model for future generations.

Legacy In The Making Recipients are changing the provincial landscape and/or have emerged as leaders in their sector. These Innovators are an inspiration, full of energy, passionate about the work they are doing, show courage, and promote change in search of the greater good.

You can learn more by visiting www.nsbusinesshalloffame.ca.

About JA Nova Scotia

Since 1969 JA Nova Scotia has educated and empowered students to make thoughtful financial health, work readiness and entrepreneurial decisions. Our programs are offered, at no cost and provides in-school and extra-curricular hands-on experiential programming for youth aged 5-25, setting them up with real-world scenarios and experiences to encourage them to create their successful future.

Our programs build on and enhance the current curriculum students receive at school, with additional focus and clarity on comprehensive planning for a successful future. We prompt youth to be proactive, get comfortable with things that are unfamiliar and develop autonomy, self-belief and confidence. Learning in the classroom and through extra-curricular activities.

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