

OCTOBER 14, 2026

All honourees represent the strength, tenacity, resilience, and ambition of our province. Their accomplishments remind us that success is not measured only by what we achieve, but by the opportunities we create, the communities we strengthen, and the people we inspire along the way.

HOSTS

Aneesh Mahatekar is a Grade 10 student at Charles P. Allen High School. Julia Sampson a first year student at Saint Mary's University, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science with a plan to major in biology.



2026 CLASS OF LAUREATES

BILL HAY

A visionary Nova Scotia entrepreneur whose career united commercial success with integrity, mentorship, and community service.



JAMES KEHOE

A respected entrepreneur and community builder whose career spans more than five decades of business leadership in Nova Scotia.



TIM MOORE

A Canadian serial entrepreneur whose career began with a single moving truck and grew into a national business legacy.



SPECIAL GUESTS

We were honoured to welcome:

Premiere Tim Houston

Muin Paul, a drummer and competitive grass dancer from Eskasoni, Cape Breton

Juanita Peters, General Manager of the Africville Museum and descendant of 2024 Laureate, Rose Fortune

2025 Laureate Inductee Mike Brien

CONVERSTION HOSTS



Levi Adler
Grade 12 IB student at
Halifax Grammar School

Peter Harrison
Move100



2026 LEGACY IN THE MAKING RECIPIENTS

JAIME LANDRY

Founder and Owner of Black Harbour Distillers, a nationally recognized, 100 percent female-owned craft distillery based in Hubbards, Nova Scotia.

MINA MEKHAIL

Founder and CEO of Freshr Sustainable Technologies Inc., a Dartmouth-based company developing advanced, sustainable packaging to reduce global food waste.

ROSS SIMMONDS

Founder of Foundation Marketing, a content marketing and growth agency serving Fortune 500 companies and leading technology brands worldwide.



The Gala is JA Nova Scotia's largest fundraiser, helping inspire and prepare young people across the province to make informed decisions about their financial well-being, career pathways, and entrepreneurial ambitions. Offered at no cost to schools, JA programs reach students from Grade 3 through Grade 12 with engaging classroom and extracurricular experiences that complement the provincial curriculum and bring learning to life.

41 Nova Scotia Youth attended the Gala.

Event Revenue \$200,540

570 Guests Support our Laureates and Legacy In The Making Recipients

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