



Message from His Worship Mayor Steven Mandel



On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, Alberta's Capital City, I extend sincere congratulations to everyone receiving a Salute to Excellence Award tonight.

As Mayor of this great city, I'm keenly aware that one of Edmonton's most valuable assets is our people – people like you – people who strive for, and achieve, excellence in their field of endeavour. From sports to community service, and arts and culture, all Salute to Excellence nominees and recipients have set the benchmark high.

This prestigious award program is truly community-driven, making the awards all the more meaningful. To be nominated for an award is an accomplishment in itself.

You are most deserving of the tributes being paid to you this evening. You do Edmonton proud!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Mandel".

Stephen Mandel
Mayor, City of Edmonton



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proud home of the
University of Alberta
for 100 years.



Welcome and Introductions

Linda Cochrane, General Manager, Community Services

Greetings from the City of Edmonton

Mayor Stephen Mandel

Presentation of Citation Awards

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Presentation of Performance Awards

Individual Sport Awards

Team Sport Awards

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Reception and Entertainment

Please join us for refreshments after the ceremonies.

Citation Awards

*T*he City of Edmonton has justifiably earned its reputation as the City of Volunteers. Every facet of life in our city is enriched by the dedication of volunteers in arts and culture, sports, and community service.

The Citation Award honours those individuals or groups who have given significant service and inspiring leadership in these areas.





Bert Almon

Arts & Culture Citation



Bert Almon began writing poetry in 1967. His ninth poetry collection, *A Ghost in Waterloo Station* (2008), garnered him his second Stephan G. Stephansson Prize for Poetry and the City of Edmonton Book Prize, sponsored by Audrey's Books. A University of Alberta Department of English professor, Almon teaches creative writing, modern literature, and autobiography. He has had two scholarly books of criticism published, as well as contributed to more than 40 anthologies and hundreds of periodicals. A much appreciated mentor, Almon is known for tracking the accomplishments of his many successful students, of which at least 30 have seen their work published in more than 65 books of poetry.

Joelle Fawcett-Arsenault

Community Service Citation



After experiencing a life-threatening struggle with anorexia nervosa, Joelle Fawcett-Arsenault recognized a gap in resources for those coping with eating disorders and responded by helping create a model to ensure better options for sufferers. At only 17, she became a founding member of SACRED—the Society for Assisted Cooperative Recovery from Eating Disorders. Now a dynamic practitioner and SACRED'S executive director, Fawcett-Arsenault's leadership, advocacy, and community work to treat and support people with eating disorders continue to have a remarkable impact. Fawcett-Arsenault's commitment and achievements have been acknowledged through the University of Alberta Alumni Horizon Award, as well as the YMCA Woman of Distinction Award for Community Service.

Philip Joseph Payne

Community Service Citation



After professional football in Winnipeg, Philip Joseph Payne became a chartered accountant and worked as Gould Inc.'s chief financial officer and general manager. He has owned various businesses and is a partner in AIM Capital Corp. His long and impressive history of community leadership encompasses tireless volunteer work on Edmonton's YMCA

board of directors, as both a member and chairman. A past president of the Cosmopolitan Club of Edmonton, Payne has held every office. He continues to give to Edmonton through involvement on the St. Joseph College board of directors, Pilgrims Hospice Society committees, Look Homes Inc. Building Cures for Kids, and Alberta Cancer Foundation Cross Cancer golf committee.

Steve Bach

Sport Citation



An Edmonton resident since 1991, Stephen Bach is a longtime builder of wheelchair basketball in Alberta. Current president and a long standing member of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Association, Bach's coaching accomplishments span nearly 25 years, seven gold wins, five silver medals, one bronze, and numerous high rankings. He has

coached Team Alberta Juniors, the Alberta Northern Lights, Alberta Provincial Team, Edmonton Aurora Lights, Calgary Rocky Mountain Rollers, Edmonton Renegades, Women's National Team, and the Calgary Grizzlies. Bach has been recognized with two Coach of the Year awards and numerous accolades for his skills both on the court and in the numerous wheelchair basketball board positions he has held.



Sports Performance Awards – Individual Sport Awards

BADMINTON

William Milroy

2008 Canadian Badminton National Championships, Richmond, BC
Gold, Men's Doubles

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Henry Wiebe

2008 Canadian National Under 14/Under 16 Badminton Championships,
Winnipeg, MB
Gold, Under 16 Doubles

Josephine Wu

2008 XVII Pan American Junior Championships, Guatemala City,
Guatemala
Gold, Girls Doubles
2008 Canadian National Junior Badminton Championships, Winnipeg, MB
Gold, Girls Doubles

CYCLING

David Larson

2008 National Cyclo-Cross Championships, Kamloops, BC
Gold, Junior Men

Tara Whitten

2008 Canadian Track National, Burnaby, BC
Gold, Individual Pursuit
Gold, Points Race

GYMNASTICS

Kyle Clemmer

2008 Canadian Championships, Calgary, AB
Gold, Tumbling (Men's Novice 15+)

Miranda Meyer

2008 Canadian Championships, Calgary, AB
Gold, Beam
Gold, Team Alberta
Gold, Vault

Brandon O'Neill

2008 Pacific Rim Gymnastics Championships, San Jose, USA
Gold, Floor
2008 Canadian Gymnastics Championships, Calgary, AB
Gold, Parallel Bars

HANDBALL

Chris Goddard

2008 Canadian National Handball (4-Wall) Championships, Calgary, AB
Gold, 4-Wall (Junior 17 Under)

Pepie Jones

2008 Canadian National Handball (4-Wall) Championships, Calgary, AB
Gold, 4-Wall (Ladies' B Singles)

SKATING

Cody Hay

2008 Canadian National Pairs Champion, Vancouver, BC
Gold, Senior Pairs Figure Skating



SWIMMING

Joshua Au

2008 Canadian Age Group Nationals, Calgary, AB
Gold, 200m Butterfly (Boys 17-18 years)

Molly Grove

2008 Canadian Age Group Nationals, Calgary, AB
Gold, 5 km Open Water Race (Women 16-18 years)

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Lori Layne Kremer

2008 Canadian Age Group Nationals, Calgary, AB
Gold, 200m Butterfly (Girls 15 years)

Paige Kremer

2008 North American Cup Challenge, Edmonton, AB
Gold, Backstroke, Team Canada
Silver, 100m Backstroke (Girls 11–12 years), Alberta Record
Silver, 200m Backstroke (Girls 11–12 years), Alberta Record

Deanna Matthews

2008 Canadian Age Group Nationals, Calgary, AB
Gold, 200m Backstroke (Girls 16 - 18 years)

Bobbie Mielnichuk

2008 Canadian Age Group Nationals, Calgary, AB
Gold, 100m Freestyle (Girls 16 - 18 years)

Braeden Newton

2008 Canadian Age Group Nationals, Calgary, AB
Gold, 200m Backstroke (Boys 16 years)

Nicholas Tworek

2008 Canadian Age Group Nationals, Calgary, AB
Gold, 5 km Open Water (Boys 16 years)

TRACK AND FIELD

Adam Kunkel

2008 Canadian Track and Field Championships, Windsor, ON
Gold, 400m Hurdles

Sports Performance Awards – Team Sport Awards

CURLING

Kevin Martin Curling Team

2008 World Men's Curling Championships, Grand Forks, USA

Gold

Adam Enright

Ben Hebert

Marc Kennedy

Kevin Martin

John Morris

Jules Owchar, Coach

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HANDBALL

Alberta Juvenile Women's Handball Team

2008 Canadian Team Handball National Championships,
Sherwood Park, AB

Gold

Holly Deslaurier

Jodi Ehrman

Nicole Leger

Miranda Monty

Jaelyn Piasetzki

Shannon Proskow

Jennifer Randolph

Allyssa Rayner

Jenny Taylor

Chrissy Wetzstein

Mike Nahmiash, Coach

LAWN BOWLS

Alberta Lawn Bowls Team

2008 Bowls Canada Boulingrin Championships, Halifax, NS

Gold

Lyall Adams

Ivan Johannson

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SWIMMING

Olympian Swim Club Girls 15-18 Relay Team

2008 Canadian Age Group Nationals, Calgary, AB

Gold, 400m Freestyle Relay

Natasha Fung

Bobbie Mielnichuk

Madison Mills

Shaneese Nowlan

Sports Performance Awards – Masters Individual Sport Awards

CYCLING

Peter Toth

2008 Canadian Track Cycling National Championships, Burnaby, BC

Gold, Omnium

HANDBALL

Mark Broverman

2008 Canadian National Handball (4-Wall) Championships, Calgary, AB

Gold, Singles (Men 50+ years)

Gold, Doubles (Men 40+ years)

JIU JITSU

Shaun Holmstrom

2008 NAGA World Grappling Championships, New Jersey, USA

Silver, Gi Style (Executive Class/Middle Weight)

Bronze, No Gi Style (Executive Class/Middle Weight)

2008 USA National Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Championships, Los Angeles, USA

Gold, Gi Style (Senior 3)

Gold, No Gi Style (Senior 3)

ORIENTEERING

Don Scott

2008 Canadian Orienteering Championships, Saint John, NB
Gold, Classic Distance (Men 75+)

SHOOTING

Wynn Payne

2008 National Smallbore Rifle Championships, Beachberg, ON
Gold, Prone (Veteran Class)

SWIMMING

Jacqueline Scott

2008 Canadian 55+ Senior Games, Dieppe, NB
Gold, 50m Backstroke
Gold, 100m Backstroke

Vinus van Baalen

2008 United States Masters Long Course National Championships,
Oregon, USA
Silver, 50m Backstroke (Men 65-69)
Silver, 50m Freestyle (Men 65-69)
2008 United States Masters Short Course National Championships,
Texas, USA
Gold, 50 yard Backstroke (Men 65-69), 29.48 American Record
Gold, 100 yard Backstroke (Men 65-69)
Gold, 50 yard Butterfly (Men 65-69)
Gold, 50 yard Freestyle (Men 65-69)
Silver, 100 yard Freestyle (Men 65-69)
Silver, 100 yard Individual Medley (Men 65-69)

TENNIS

Mary Manley

2008 Canadian Senior National Tennis Championships, Toronto, ON
Gold, Singles (Women 45+)
Gold, Doubles (Women 45+)



TRACK AND FIELD

Darlene Felix

2008 Canadian National Masters Championships, Regina, SK
Gold, 400m

Maria Hopchin

2008 Canadian National Masters Championships, Regina, SK
Gold, 100m
Gold, 200m

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Wolfgang Jeske

2008 Canadian National Masters Championships, Regina, SK
Gold, 400m Hurdles
Gold, 4x100m Relay

Marvin Kaluzniak

2008 Canadian Senior Games, Dieppe, NB
Gold, 800m
Gold, 1500m
Gold, 3000m

Steve Kashman

2008 World Firefighter Games, Liverpool, England
Gold, Hammer
Gold, 110m Hurdles
Gold, Steeplechase
Gold, Toughest Firefighter Alive
Gold, Triple Jump
Silver, Discus
Silver, Javelin
Bronze, High Jump
Bronze, Long Jump
Bronze, Shot-put

Liz McBlain

2008 Masters Pan American Games, Clermont, Florida

- Gold, Hammer, Canadian Record
- Gold, Shot-put, Canadian Record
- Gold, Weight Pentathlon, Canadian Record
- Gold, Weight Throw, Canadian Record
- Silver, Discus
- Silver, High Jump
- Bronze, Javelin
- Bronze, Long Jump
- Bronze, Triple Jump

2008 Canadian National Masters Championships, Regina, SK

- Gold, Hammer
- Gold, High Jump
- Gold, Long Jump
- Gold, Shot-put
- Gold, Triple Jump
- Gold, Weight Pentathlon, Canadian Record
- Gold, Weight Throw, Canadian Record

Bob McFadyen

2008 Canadian National Masters Championships, Regina, SK

- Gold, Discus
- Gold, Javelin
- Gold, Pentathlon

Betty McQuarrie

2008 Canadian National Masters Championships, Regina, SK

- Gold, 100m
- Gold, 200m

Bruce Mintz

2008 Canadian National Masters Championships, Regina, SK

- Gold, 100m
- Gold, 200m
- Gold, 400m
- Gold, 300m Hurdles



**Arnold Nett**

2008 Canadian National Masters Championships, Regina, SK

Gold, 200m

Gold, High Jump

Gold, 80m Hurdles

Gold, Shot-put

Gold, Triple Jump

Jan Nutting

2008 Canadian National Masters Championships, Regina, SK

Gold, 400m

Catherine Roberts

2008 Canadian National Masters Championships, Regina, SK

Gold, 400m

Gold, 300m Hurdles

Gold, Discus

Gold, Javelin

2008 World Triathlon Sprint Championships, Vancouver, BC

Gold (Women 60-64)

Richard Roberts

2008 Canadian National Masters Championships, Regina, SK

Gold, 1500m Race Walk

Gold, 5000m Race Walk

2008 National Triathlon Sprint Championships, Kelowna, BC

Gold (Men 65-69)

Cliff Russell

2008 World Airline Road Races, Ottawa, ON

Silver, 5km

Silver, 10km

Sports Performance Awards – Masters Team Awards

CURLING

Pat Ryan Curling Team

2008 World Senior Men's Curling Championships, Vierumaki, Finland

Gold

Millard Evans

Ken McLean

Pat Ryan

Marv Wirth

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HANDBALL

Alberta Senior Men's Handball Team

2008 Canadian Team Handball National Championships,
Regina, SK

Gold

Ryan Asselstine

Zoran Bazdar

Doug Bennett

Brad Cann

Franjo Crnkovic

Dan Devlin

Brant Halbert

Travis Hnatiuk

Keegan Loxam

Mike Rott

Dylan Shacker

Josh Sickler

Lyndon Suvanto

Alex Ward

Alberta Senior Women's Handball Team

2008 Canadian Team Handball National Championships, Regina, SK

Gold

Lauren Asselstine

Alexis Baltimore

Kate Fenton

Jenna Fraser

Kristan Kitagawa

Tiana Moe

Lynsey Nault

Angela Siegert

Amber Smart

Melissa Smart

Mike Ney, Coach

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Paralympic Recognition Awards

2008 Olympic Games Beijing, China

BASKETBALL

Cheryl Corrigan

Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team, Assistant Coach

Tara Scade

Women's Wheelchair Basketball

Barbara Griffin

Women's Wheelchair Basketball, Team Leader

Darrell Nordell

Silver, Men's Wheelchair Basketball, Assistant Coach

Ross Norton

Silver, Men's Wheelchair Basketball

Jamie Peers

Silver, Men's Wheelchair Basketball, Assistant Coach

BOCCIA

Monica Martino

SWIMMING

James Hood

Assistant Technical Delegate

TRACK AND FIELD

Georgette Reed

Coach

Kris Vriend

6th, Shot-put

7th, Discus

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Olympic Recognition Awards

2008 Olympic Games Beijing, China

ASSISTANT CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Dr. Connie Lebrun

BASEBALL

Mike Johnson

Pitcher

BOXING

Adam Trupish

CANOE/KAYAK

David Ford

DIVING

Blythe Hartley

4th, 3m

EQUESTRIAN

Jacqueline M. Brooks

Dressage, Team



FENCING

Ju Jie Luan

32nd, Individual Women's Foil

GYMNASTICS

Brandon O'Neill

Gold, Floor

MEDICAL STAFF – TEAM CANADA

Aurel Hamran

PHYSICIAN

Dr. Teresa Lynn DeFreitas

RACE WALKING

Tim Berrett

38th, 50k Race Walk

ROWING

Zoë Hoskins

SHOOTING

Dr. Susan Nattrass

Six-time Olympian, 1976, 1988, 1992, 2000, 2004, 2008

Two-time Pan America Games Medalist 2003, 2007

Seven-time World Champion

Named Officer of the Order of Canada, 1981

Canada's Athlete of the Year, 1981

Canada's Female Athlete of the Year, 1977 and 1981

Enshrined into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, 1977

Inducted into Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame, 1975

SOCCER

Erin McLeod

SWIMMING

Annamay Pierse

100m Breaststroke

200m Breaststroke

4 x 100m Medley Relay

TEAM MANAGER

Ingrid Ruys-George

TRACK AND FIELD

Brian Barnett

200m, Round 1

Pierre Brown

5th, 100m, Round 2, Heat 1

6th, 4 x 100m Relay

Tyler Christopher

5th, 400m, Heat 6

Megan Metcalfe

15th, 5000m

Carline Muir

7th, 400m Semi-finals

Emanuel Parris

6th, 4 x 100m Relay

Angela Whyte

5th, 100m Hurdles, Round 1

TRACK AND FIELD TECHNICAL ADVISOR

Kevin Tyler

TRIATHLON

Carolyn Murray

Top Canadian Olympian

Paul Tichelaar

2nd place Canadian Olympian



The Salute to Excellence Program is the City of Edmonton's primary civic recognition program. We host the Salute to Excellence Citation and Performance Awards in the fall and the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in June of each year.

The Salute to Excellence Committee is a volunteer committee comprised of individuals representing the areas of Sport, Arts and Culture, and Community Service. For more information on the nomination process, please contact the Salute to Excellence Coordinator at 780-496-7380 or visit www.edmonton.ca and enter Salute to Excellence in the search box.

Many thanks to the Muttart Conservatory for the donation of the beautiful flowers.



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Congratulations Everyone!

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