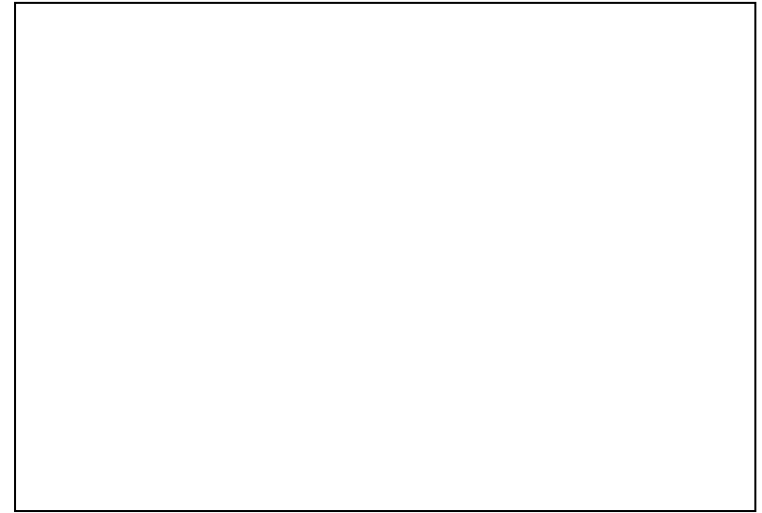


**Ontario Association on
Developmental Disabilities**



**SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS
PRESENTATION
2019**

**Marriott on the Falls,
Niagara Falls, Ontario**

**Tuesday April 9th, 2019
12:15 p.m.**

WELCOME

HULL-ROEHER AWARD OF MERIT

Dr. Richard Meen

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For the 2019 year there were no successful applications for the OADD Award of Excellence, the OADD NADD Participation Scholarship or the OADD-NADD Continuing Education Ontario Scholarship

KAY SANSOM SCHOLARSHIPS

Joanne Durocher - College Scholarship

Kailee Liesemer - Undergraduate Scholarship

Alicia Groom - Graduate Scholarship

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For more information on OADD Awards & Scholarships visit the OADD Web site at www.oadd.org, or contact the OADD Office at 2 Surrey Place, Toronto, ON., M5S 2C2. Phone (416) 429-3720

OADD-NADD ONTARIO SCHOLARSHIPS

Caitlin Gallant - Student Research Scholarship

Esther Lee - Student Research Scholarship

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DR. BRUCE McCREARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Chanelle Salonia

OADD-NADD ONTARIO SCHOLARSHIPS:

Esther Lee

Esther's Master's thesis aims to better understand support needs in parents and caregivers of children with Down syndrome. The unique profile of strengths and vulnerabilities of people with DS mean that parents also present with unique support and mental health needs. Esther's goal is to conduct a needs assessment that would inform the development of a support group, specific to parents and caregivers. The purpose of her study is to better understand parental stress and coping strategies and how these factors may predict support needs. Esther plans to use the scholarship to directly support her thesis work, including honorariums, travel costs to recruitment sites and administration fees associated with the licensing of the psychological instruments.

DR. BRUCE McCREARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Bruce McCreary, 1938 – 2017, was a gifted psychiatrist, mentor, scholar and compassionate crusader for people with a developmental disability, their families and caregivers. The intent of this scholarship is to honour Dr. McCreary's legacy through the support of people in clinical disciplines and academic studies.

Chanelle Salonia

Chanelle is currently enrolled in an accredited PhD program in clinical psychology at Fielding University. She attends Fielding as a mature student, while working and teaching within the field of developmental disabilities. Chanelle's research interests involve individuals with IDD, and their families or support professionals and specifically forensic and educational psychology. Chanelle also teaches disability studies through the Griffin Centre and behaviour science through Humber College. Her goal is to become a licensed psychologist with the College of Psychologists of Ontario (CPO) and continue to work in the field, where she will be able to educate and support individuals with IDD and their families, as a licensed psychologist, after completing her doctorate level education.

HULL ROEHER AWARD OF MERIT

Presented in honour of John Hull and G. Alan Roeher to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution, or special achievement in the area(s) of education, humanitarianism, research or service for those with developmental disabilities.

Dr. Richard Meen

Dr. Meen was a Psychiatric Consultant for Community Living Toronto from March 2013 to November 2018. He was a trusted clinical advisor, a member of the Clinical Capacity Working Group, a family counsellor and mediator, member of the Case Conference Committee and played a key clinical role in the operation of the Specialized Resource Homes for children and adults with autism spectrum disorders and complex behaviours. He also delivered specialized in-service training to our staff teams and performed the role of mediator to facilitate positive relationships between families and staff teams.

Time and time again, Dr. Meen demonstrated that he was a one-of-a-kind person, willing to go above and beyond for people in service and their families. Dr. Meen took a person's entire situation into account, looking at their medications, mental and physical health, social and recreational context, financial status, family members, day-to-day schedule, support staff, and physical environments (their homes, workplaces, day programs, or other places they frequented). He had a way of communicating with families that put them at ease. Dr. Meen's contributions in the promotion of education in the field of developmental disabilities and in enhancing services for individuals with developmental disabilities make him worthy of this prestigious honour

KAY SANSOM SCHOLARSHIPS:

\$1,000 is awarded to a College, Undergraduate, and Graduate student, at each level pursuing a full time education in a program, or in a professional discipline, related to developmental disabilities.

Joanne Durocher - College Level Scholarship

Joanne is in the second year of the DSW program at Fleming College. She has three children on the autism spectrum and this experience has given her a unique understanding of the challenges facing families. Joanne hopes to pass on what she learned to others and improve upon her skills to promote awareness and advocacy. Joanne hopes to find employment and continue volunteering in the community once she has finished her diploma.

Kailee Liesemer - Undergraduate Level Scholarship

Kailee is currently attending Western University, completing an Honors Specialization degree in Psychology with a Minor in Sociology. Her undergraduate thesis project examines neural and behavioral measures of statistical learning to predict a range of language and reading abilities in children, including those with language and reading impairment (e.g. developmental dyslexia). While pursuing her degree, she has continued to work and volunteer with individuals who have developmental disabilities. After completing her undergraduate degree, Kailee hopes to pursue a graduate degree and be accepted into a master's program for School and Applied Child Psychology. Ultimately, her hope is to work as a Psychological Associate or School Psychologist.

Alicia Groom - Graduate Level Scholarship

Alicia is in her first year of a Masters of Arts in Interdisciplinary Health at Laurentian University having previously completed a Bachelor of Science with an Honours Specialization in Psychology with a minor in Health and Disability at Laurentian. Alicia's personal experiences have strengthened her interest in Healthcare and underserved populations. Once she completes her Masters, Alicia plans to apply to a combined Master/PhD programs in Clinical Psychology, as well as the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. She is passionate about the healthcare field and aspires to provide support to individuals with disabilities to help them achieve their own goals. Alicia would like to become a Clinical Psychologist or a Family physician providing quality and accessible healthcare to patients.

OADD-NADD ONTARIO SCHOLARSHIPS:

STUDENT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 to support College or University students in completing a research study or writing a thesis that is focused on intellectual and developmental disabilities co-occurring with mental health needs.

Caitlin Gallant

Caitlin is a second-year Doctoral student in Psychology at Brock University. She is passionate about establishing research connections within her community and putting scientific findings into practice. Financial support will allow her to continue to collaborate with community partners and focus her efforts on bridging the gap between scientific and public knowledge. The overarching goal of her research is to facilitate community integration among disadvantaged populations and advance pathways to care by improving our understanding of underlying neural mechanisms. Caitlin's doctoral research aims to expand on this.