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Nova Scotians Receive Award of Excellence for l'Acadie and Francophonie

Three Nova Scotians were recognized today, July 7, with the 2026 Lieutenant-Governor's Award of Excellence for l'Acadie and Francophonie.

The award, which has three categories, is given to people whose social, economic or cultural contributions have made a meaningful difference in Nova Scotia, particularly for Acadian and francophone communities.

The 2026 recipients, and categories they're recognized in, are:

- Real Boudreau, West Pubnico (francophone)
- Kate Ashley, Kentville (francophile - an individual who is not francophone but who supports and promotes the French language and culture)
- Kyle Delorey, Larry's River (youth under age 25).

"Nova Scotia's Acadian and francophone communities, and the French language, are essential parts of our province's identity and history," said Lt.-Gov. Mike Savage. "Through their leadership, service and dedication, this year's recipients have strengthened their communities, promoted the French language and culture, and enriched the social fabric of our province. Their contributions remind us that linguistic and cultural diversity are among Nova Scotia's greatest strengths and I am delighted to celebrate their achievements."

An independent selection committee, comprising representatives from Université Sainte-Anne, the Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse, Alliance française Halifax, the Office of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie, a francophone recipient of the Order of Nova Scotia or the Order of Canada, a youth representative and a former recipient of the award, is responsible for selecting the honourees.

Quotes:

"The recipients of this award exemplify the pride, leadership and cultural vitality that continue to strengthen Nova Scotia's Acadian and francophone communities. Their dedication helps ensure that the French language, culture and traditions remain vibrant and accessible for future generations. I congratulate each of this year's recipients on this well-deserved recognition."

— **Colton LeBlanc, Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie**

Funding recipients from the Community Economic Development Fund are:

- Village of St. Peter's, Richmond County, \$206,237 for a community hub
- Western Regional Enterprise Network in Yarmouth, \$151,493 for an initiative to connect employers with skilled international post-secondary graduates
- Truro and Colchester Regional Enterprise Network, \$150,000 for a regional marketing initiative
- Town of Westville, Pictou County, \$88,112 for a new pop-up business zone
- Valley Regional Enterprise Network in Kentville, \$25,000 for tourism strategy work
- ÉCONOMUSÉE Network Society, \$23,605 for expansion and modernization of its Artisans at Work tourism network in Nova Scotia.

As well, the Nova Scotia Association of Community Business Development Corporations has received a \$244,000 innovation grant for Spark Nova Scotia, an early-stage startup competition for rural entrepreneurs.

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NSCC Graduates Award for Culinary Excellence

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Six graduates from Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) received the 2026 Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Culinary Excellence on July 14. The awards, presented during a ceremony at Government House in Halifax, recognize outstanding achievement in culinary education and the next generation of leaders in Nova Scotia's food and hospitality sector.

"Nova Scotia's culinary

community is enriched by talented individuals whose creativity, dedication and passion help showcase the very best of our province," said Lt.-Gov. Mike Savage. "These graduates have demonstrated exceptional skill and commitment throughout their studies, and I am pleased to recognize their accomplishments as they begin what I am sure will be rewarding and successful careers."

The 2026 recipients are: Abigail Coleman, culinary management, Akerley campus, Dartmouth; Miriam Csanyi, baking and pastry Arts, Akerley campus; Min Gong, culinary management, Akerley campus; Xiwen Hu, culinary management, Sydney Waterfront campus - Seth

Little, culinary management, Akerley campus and Bethany MacNeil, baking and pastry arts, Kingstec campus, Kentville.

Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, commitment to the culinary profession and engagement within their communities.

MHL Releases 2026-27 Regular Season Schedule

Truro, N.S. (July 6, 2026) - The Maritime Junior Hockey League (MHL) has released the schedule for the 2026-27 regular season, celebrating the league's 60th season. The MHL's twelve teams will again play a 52-game, balanced schedule. Teams play eight games against each of their divisional opponents and two games against each of the teams in the opposite division. The top four teams in each division will qualify for the Metalfab MHL Cup Playoffs.

The regular season begins Thursday, September 10th as the Pictou County Weeks Crushers host the division rival Amherst Ramblers. The following night, September 11th, the defending Metalfab MHL Cup champion Truro Bearcats kick off their season as they host the West Kent

Steamers, and the Eastlink North champion Edmundston Blizzard are on the road to play the Campbellton Tigers. The Bearcats and Blizzard will face off at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre on October 23rd in Truro, N.S. in a rematch of last season's Metalfab MHL Cup Final.



Truro Jr. A Bearcats September Regular Season Schedule

Fri, Sep 11	West Kent at Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre	7:00 pm AT
Sat, Sep 12	Summerside at Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre	7:00 pm AT
Thu, Sep 17	Truro at Pictou County	Pictou County Wellness Centre	7:00 pm AT
Fri, Sep 18	Truro at Yarmouth	Mariners Centre	7:00 pm AT
Sun, Sep 27	Pictou County at Truro	Rath Eastlink Community Centre	4:00 pm AT

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