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Congratulations to three outstanding Ontario teachers

TORONTO, September 26, 2018 — OTIP (the Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan) and the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) have recognized three outstanding Ontario teachers with the OTIP Teaching Award for excellence.

On Tuesday, September 25, the following educators received the OTIP Teaching Award:

Jeff White, St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School, Oakville - Beginning Teacher Category

My-Linh Hang-Coleman, Eastview Public School, Toronto - Elementary Teacher Category

Lauren Hortie, Oasis Alternative Secondary School, Toronto - Secondary Teacher Category

"OTIP is proud to recognize these exceptional teachers in Ontario's schools," said Vic Medland, CEO of OTIP. "We are inspired by their continued desire to ensure each and every student reaches their maximum potential."

"OTF is proud of these winners who are an example of the excellence of teachers in classrooms throughout Ontario," stated Diane Dewing, OTF President. "Their dedication, innovation and caring for students contributes to Ontario's publicly funded education being one of the best in the world."

OTIP and OTF co-sponsor the OTIP Teaching Awards for excellence in teaching in the publicly funded school system. Three awards are presented: secondary school teacher, elementary school teacher and beginning teacher. Anyone can nominate a teacher in Ontario's publicly funded schools, including public, Catholic, and francophone school boards.

More information on the awards can be found at teachingawards.ca.

About OTIP: Creating Insured Members for Life. At OTIP (www.otip.com), we not only understand the education system, we believe in it. OTIP has been committed to providing quality insurance benefits and advice for the best value since 1977. Across all lines of insurance, OTIP provides coverage to over 160,000 education employees in the province. Owned by Ontario's four education affiliates (AEFO, ETFO, OECTA and OSSTF) and directed by a Board of Trustees, OTIP was built on the belief that educators would be better served by a not-for-profit insurance advocate that was part of the education community. This remains our philosophy today.

The Ontario Teachers' Federation is the advocate for the teaching profession in Ontario and for its 160,000 teachers. OTF members are full-time, part-time and occasional teachers in all the publicly funded schools in the province—elementary, secondary, public, Catholic and francophone.

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