

## Media Release

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## Congratulations to three outstanding Ontario teachers

**TORONTO, September 25, 2019** — OTIP (the Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan) and the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) have recognized three outstanding Ontario teachers with the OTIP Teaching Awards for excellence.

On Tuesday, September 24, the following educators received the OTIP Teaching Award:

- Emily Alexandra Seiling, Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate & Vocational School, Kitchener Beginning Teacher Category
- LeRoi Newbold, Africentric Alternative School, Toronto Elementary Teacher Category
- Natalie Morgan, Brooklin HS, Brooklin Secondary Teacher Category

"OTIP is honoured to recognize these three exceptional leaders in education," stated Vic Medland, OTIP CEO. "We are truly inspired by their commitment to learning, to teaching and to ensuring that each and every student reaches their maximum potential."

"OTF is proud to participate in these awards which showcase three excellent teachers in our publicly funded schools," stated Anne Vinet-Roy. "They are representative of the dedicated teachers who ensure that students receive a quality education which prepares them for the future."

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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