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## Congratulations to four outstanding Ontario teachers

**TORONTO, November 26, 2021** — The Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan (OTIP) and the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) are proud to announce the recipients of the OTIP Teaching Awards for 2021.

The following Ontario teachers are outstanding recipients of this year's awards:

- **Amanda Cloutier**, Bramalea Secondary School, Brampton, Beginning Teacher category
- **Lauren Chapple**, Whitby Shores Public School, Whitby, Elementary Teacher category
- **Tim Langford**, Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Secondary Teacher category
- **Brooks Gorst**, David and Mary Thomson Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Secondary Teacher category

"OTIP is honoured to recognize these four outstanding leaders within the education community," said Vic Medland, OTIP CEO.

"This has been another year of uncertainty and adjustment, and Ontario teachers have risen to the challenge. The recipients of this teaching award are truly inspiring in their commitment to learning, teaching, and ensuring that every student has the support they need to reach their potential."

"The four award winners this year exemplify excellence in teaching across Ontario," stated Chris Cowley, OTF President. "Through the efforts of teachers such as Amanda, Lauren, Tim, and Brooks, Ontario's publicly funded education system remains respected around the world. Ontario students deserve nothing less."

OTIP and OTF co-sponsor the OTIP Teaching Awards for excellence in teaching in the publicly funded school system. Awards are presented in three categories: beginning, elementary and secondary school 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](http://teachingawards.ca).

Due to the pandemic, this year's award recipients will receive their awards at an in-person event early next year.

About OTIP: Creating Insured Members for Life. At OTIP ([www.otip.com](http://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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