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Congratulations to four outstanding Ontario teachers

TORONTO, September 21, 2022 — The Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan (OTIP) and the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF) are proud to announce the recipients of the OTIP Teaching Awards for 2022.

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

- **Nikita Boodoo**, North Albion Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Beginning Teacher category
- **Nicholas Ashmore**, Port Perry High School, Port Perry, Beginning Teacher category
- **Elizabeth Cook**, Silver Creek Public School, Georgetown, Elementary Teacher category
- **Lendyl D'Souza**, Notre Dame High School, 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 Nathan Core, OTF President. "Through the efforts of teachers like Nikita, Nicholas, Elizabeth, and Lendyl, 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.

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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