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Red Deer Polytechnic recognizes Scholarly Activity and Capstone Projects

Red Deer, May 11, 2023 – Earlier today, Red Deer Polytechnic (RDP) celebrated its faculty's innovative scholarly activity and independent research at the Recognition of Scholarly Activity (RoSA) Awards and Capstone Recognition Event.

"Each year our committee is astonished at the quality of scholarly work completed by the faculty in our institution," says Erin Lowe, Chair of RoSA Committee and RDP Nursing Instructor. "From ground-breaking research and insightful publications to original works, our faculty has been actively engaged in advancing knowledge and contributing to the world of scholarship. These accomplishments are a testament to their dedication and hard work as they strive to make meaningful contributions to their respective fields. We are proud to honor their scholarship and look forward to seeing the impact of their work in the years to come."

RDP's faculty are recognized for scholarly activity in four categories that include Discovery, Integration, Application and Teaching.

The following award recipients were honoured at the event for their exemplary scholarly activity during 2022:

- [Dr. Fola Oluwasina](#) - "Evaluating the Prevalence and Correlates of Major Depressive Disorder among Residents of Fort McMurray, Canada one year after a devastating flood."
- [Dr. Heather Markovitch](#) - "White Magic, Black Humour: Ella D'Arcy's Narrative Strategies, *Cahiers victoriens et edouardiens*."
- [Kristen Gulbransen](#) - research to address gaps in care experienced by persons who use substances during pregnancy.
- [Jason Frizzell](#) - exploration of reference and influence in visual art creations, culminating in two art exhibitions: "And We Will Dream of El Dorado" and "We'll Build a Palace Upon the Ruins."
- [Dr. Jones Adjei](#) and [Dr. Choon-Lee Chai](#) - research in partnership with the Central Alberta Immigrant Women's Association to create a Cultural Competency Training Module aimed at supporting immigrant victims of domestic violence.
- [Dr. Cyrus Taheri](#) - research on the presence of Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) in High Touch Objects in Washrooms on RDP's Main Campus leading to the discovery of a new bacterial species.

Since 2006, a jury comprised of RoSA committee members has selected and recognized significant scholarly endeavours by the Polytechnic's faculty. These activities enhance and contribute to the experiences of RDP students and communities and help to solve societal and industrial challenges.

Along with honouring the RoSA Award recipients at the event, three RDP faculty were also recognized for completing capstone projects:

- [Dr. Jones Adjei](#) - Creating a Culturally Responsive Classroom: A Literature Synthesis
- [Heather Brandt](#) - Pharmacy Technician Program Analysis of Non-Sterile Compounding Dosage Forms
- [Natalie Ford](#) - Engagement and Brave Spaces in the Classroom: A Nursing Ethics Perspective

These capstone projects are the final component of the Excellence in Teaching and Learning Program, which is a Career Development Certificate taught by faculty Learning Designers in the [Centre for Teaching and Learning](#).

In 2022, more than 100 applied research projects were conducted at Red Deer Polytechnic. Through scholarly activity and applied research, RDP's faculty, staff and students find solutions to problems that positively impact the economic growth of industries and social fabric of communities across Alberta and beyond. Learn more about research at Red Deer Polytechnic by visiting rdpolytech.ca/research.

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About Red Deer Polytechnic: Focused on advancing the economic and social priorities of Alberta, Red Deer Polytechnic (RDP) provides more than 80 industry-relevant programs and a breadth of credentials to approximately 10,000 credit, non-credit, and apprenticeship students. With modern teaching and learning spaces, and state-of-the-art research and innovation centres, RDP provides education and applied research opportunities in partnership with industry and communities.

Red Deer Polytechnic's main campus is located on Treaty 7, Treaty 6 and Métis ancestral lands. This is where we will strive to honour and transform our relationships with one another.

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