

# Celebrating a milestone—TAPHE’s 50th Anniversary

by Amanda Brewer, TAPHE president

At the October Conference 2022, the Teachers Association for Physical & Health Education (TAPHE) celebrated its 50th anniversary as a Professional Association throughout its *The Golden Years – 50th Anniversary* conference.

This significant milestone was celebrated with many special events above and beyond hosting our amazing professional conference including a Thursday night banquet and social, President’s Breakfast and Saturday morning session.

Delegates and special guests were invited to an Anniversary Welcome Reception Thursday evening where past, present, and future Physical & Health Educators had the opportunity to connect and reconnect.

Following the reception TAPHE hosted a Gala Banquet & Awards ceremony. TAPHE has a long history of celebrating the successes of its members. Through the years TAPHE has recognized many exceptional leaders and champions of Physical & Health Education. At this year’s Gala Banquet and Awards Ceremony, Daren White was inducted into the Dr. Hugh A. Noble Hall of Honour in recognition of his incredible dedication and leadership in Physical and Health Education in Nova Scotia. He was awarded this Lifetime Achievement Award and welcomed into the Hall of Honour by our other HOH recipients in attendance. A highlight of the night was Daren’s humorous and inspiring acceptance

speech where he reflected on his amazing teaching career.

In addition, Bryan Smith received the Dorothy Walker Award of Merit to a standing ovation for his significant contribution to Physical & Health

Education. Justin Oliver & Steve Ranni, hosted a TAPHE Presidents’ breakfast where all former TAPHE Presidents were invited to the DoubleTree Dartmouth for a special thank you breakfast to recognize the contribution they made to the 50 years of TAPHE success.

*The Golden Years – 50th Anniversary* conference was the first in person conference post-Covid and was held at Dartmouth High. On Friday, TAPHE welcomed 400+ delegates back to in-person professional development from quality presenters from across Nova Scotia and Canada. We were excited to have Joey Feith, renowned physical education speaker and newly landed bluenoser, as our keynote speaker who reminded us of the beautiful and captivating place we live as “Canada’s Ocean Playground” and the importance we have as educators to encourage our students and ourselves to play! The sessions continued throughout the day as delegates enjoyed a day jam packed with professional development and relationship building. It truly was incredible to be back with everyone after a two-year in-person hiatus.

On Saturday morning, TAPHE hosted a *Special 50th Saturday Speaker Session* where Dr. Doug Gleddie, President of PHE (Physical and Health Education) Canada presented on Reflective Practice for Meaningful Teaching. This was well



*Shown are members of the TAPHE Executive (left to right): Justin Oliver, TAPHE Past-President; Christa Spicer, Physical Education Rep; Amanda Brewer, TAPHE President; Kaelin Tingley, TAPHE Secretary; Vikki MacLaughlin, TAPHE Special Projects; Laura Wilson, TAPHE Vice-President; Jen Lloyd-McKenzie, TAPHE Treasurer; Susan Marshall-Steele, Regional & Provincial Awards; NSTU president Ryan Lutes; Kathy Marshall-Cormier, TAPHE Awards; and Steve Ranni, PHE Canada Rep. \*Missing from the photo: David MacNutt, Health Rep.*

Education over his years of service.

Thursday night finished with a Way-Back Play-Back dance and social. Delegates showed up sporting outfits from the 70s, 80s and beyond to enjoy live music from local teacher band Renwick Station.

On Friday morning, Past President,

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attended by professionals eager for more professional development and time with their colleagues.

TAPHE welcomes educators from any grade level or classroom space because we all have a vital role in teaching our students healthy choices, movement opportunities, and personal wellness. If you have something great happening in your school community or classroom then we'd love for you to share your success as a presenter or delegate at next year's TAPHE conference at Shipyard Elementary in Sydney.



*TAPHE Past Presidents are shown (left to right): Justin Oliver (2019-2021), current president Amanda Brewer, Brian Noble (1997), NSTU president Ryan Lutes, Jen Lloyd-McKenzie (2015-2018), Hector Campbell (1980), Steve Ranni (2010-2014), Norma Adams (1974), and Richard Foot (1996).*



*Bryan Smith is shown receiving the Dorothy Walker Award of Merit.*



*Daren White (centre) with Kaelin Tingley – TAPHE Secretary (left) and Amanda Brewer – TAPHE President (right). Daren was inducted into the Dr. Hugh A. Noble Hall of Honour – Lifetime Achievement Award.*