

Seneca's Teaching and Learning Awards for Faculty

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Seneca is excited to honour our faculty who through their contributions and commitment have positively improved the quality of education and enriched the experiences of their students. These awards recognize and celebrate outstanding faculty who make a difference by engaging students, inspiring colleagues, caring for their students, and demonstrating innovative teaching practices.

Who is eligible to be nominated?

Nominees must be full-time, partial load, part-time, and sessional Seneca faculty members who taught during the 2024-2025 academic year.

How do I nominate a faculty member for an award?

Nominators can be any individual or group with direct knowledge of the nominee including students, colleagues, and administrators.

Faculty members cannot be nominated by their supervisors.

Self-nominations are not accepted.

Nominators must submit a nomination package that includes:

1. A 400-word description that shows how the faculty member meets the selection criteria for one specific award:
 - **Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence** – peer-nominated
The selection committee is looking for excellence in the following areas: innovative or exemplary teaching practices; impacting student success; a commitment to caring for students; collaboration and sharing within the Seneca community; leadership.
 - **Seneca Award for Innovation in Teaching** – peer-nominated
The selection committee is looking for excellence in the following areas:

innovative teaching methods and practices that enhance learning; creativity in course design or delivery; use of technology to improve student engagement and success; fostering an environment that encourages exploration and critical thinking.

Examples of innovation could include, but are not limited to, Flexible course design and delivery, extended reality (XR), or Generative AI.

- **Seneca Transformative Educator** – student-nominated

The selection committee is looking for excellence in the following areas: innovative or exemplary teaching practices; impacting student success; a commitment to caring for students.

2. Evidence to support the nomination – in addition to the 400-word description, describe a special project, unique learning environments, work beyond the classroom, special achievements, etc. Provide links where possible. (No attachments.)
3. One letter of support from someone who knows and supports the faculty member being nominated – from peers, students, professional associations in industry, other institutions, etc.

The letter of support **cannot** be written by the lead nominator.

How do I submit a nomination package?

Download the document(s) required and complete them in full:

✘ [Employee Nomination Form](#) used by a Seneca employee or a group of employees to nominate a faculty member for either the Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence or the Seneca Award for Innovation in Teaching

✘ [Support Letter](#) - accompanies the employee nomination form for either the Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence or the Seneca Award for Innovation in Teaching

Upload the completed forms to the [nomination package submission form](#).

When is the deadline?

The nomination package is due on November 30, 2025.

Nomination packages will be evaluated by an awards committee in a blind review process using [Seneca's Teaching and Learning Awards for Faculty Rubric \(PDF\)](#).

Award recipients will be announced by Michelle Hutt, Vice-President, Academic, during the winter 2026 term.

What do recipients receive?

Recipients of the award receive the following:

- A feature in the *Beyond the Classroom* podcast from the Teaching & Learning Centre
- A framed piece of Seneca student artwork

If you have any questions, contact faculty.awards@senecapolytechnic.ca.

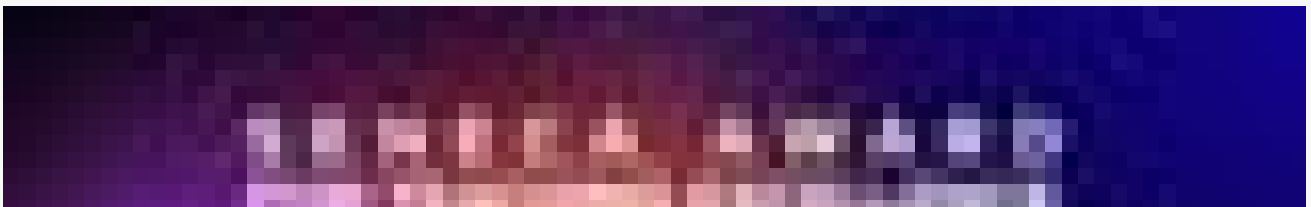
Nominees for the 2024-2025 awards:

- **Michele Green**, School of Community Services ☒ recipient of the Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence
- Tricia Hylton, School of English & Liberal Studies
- Mehdi Kermally, Seneca Nanji Foundation School of Nursing
- **Navid Nazhand**, School of Management & Human Resources ☒ recipient of the Seneca Transformative Educator
- **Robin Potter**, School of English & Liberal Studies ☒ recipient of the Seneca Award for Innovation in Teaching
- Linda Strickland-Short, School of Management & Human Resources

Congratulations to all the nominees!

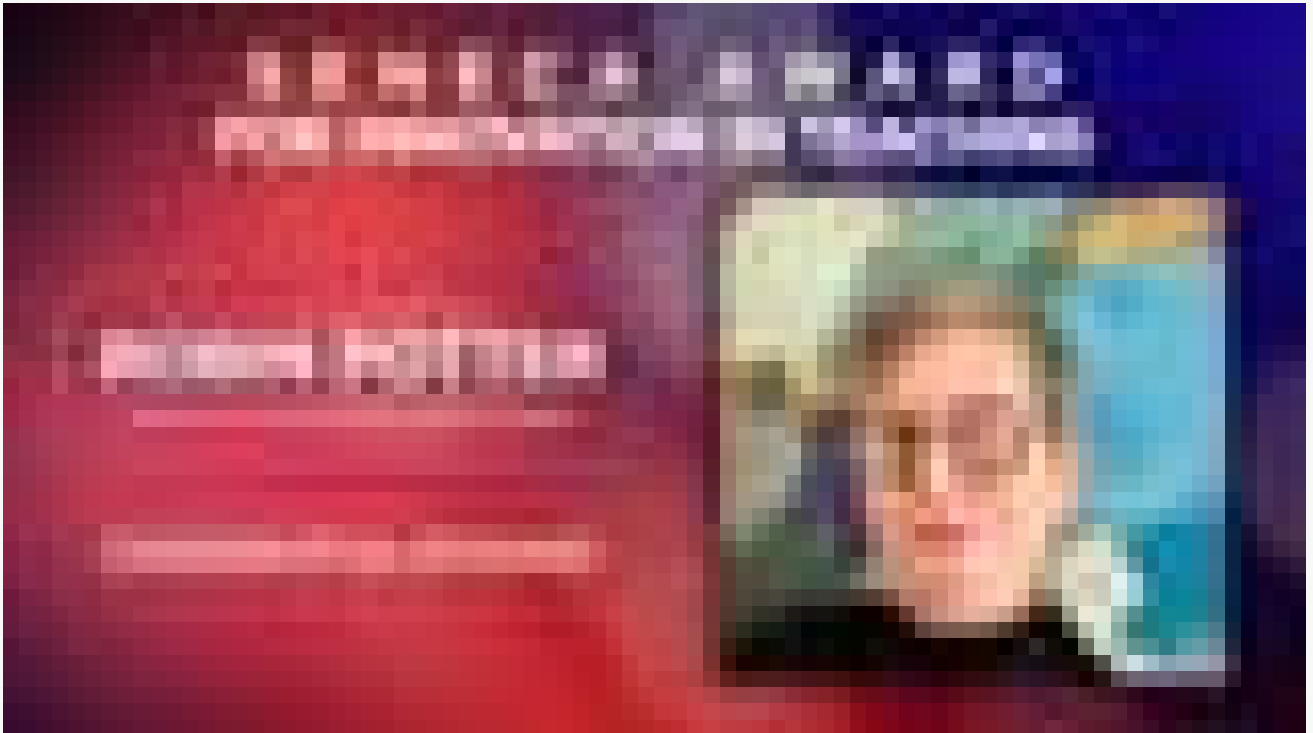
The following videos were created for Teaching & Learning Day Winter 2026 to honour and celebrate the 2024-2025 award recipients:

Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence
award recipient Michele Green





Seneca Award for Innovation in Teaching
award recipient Robin Potter



Seneca Transformative Educator
award recipient Navid Nazhand





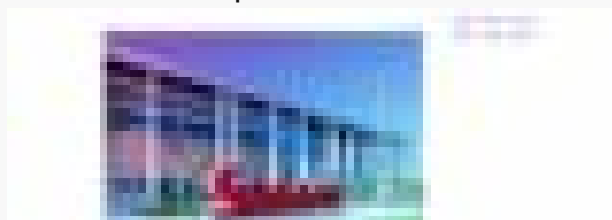
Nominees for the 2023-2024 awards:

- **Justin Boudreau**, School of Community Services ☒ recipient of the Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence in Flexible Delivery
- Jess Davidson, School of Marketing
- **Alireza Faed**, School of Marketing ☒ recipient of the Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence
- **Jeevan Pant**, School of Computer Programming & Analysis ☒ recipient of the Seneca Transformative Educator
- Farid Patel, School of Accounting and Financial Services
- Melissa Warner, School of Human Resources and Global Business
- Ken Wong, School of Marketing

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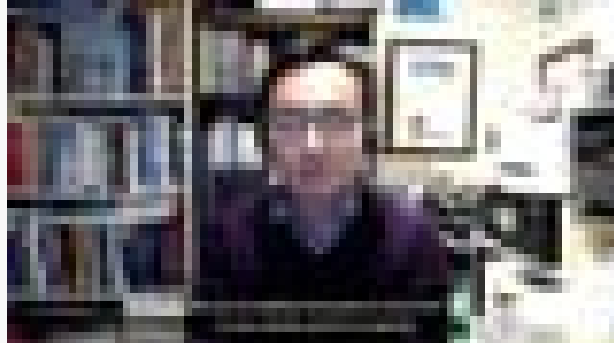
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Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence in Flexible Delivery
award recipient Justin Boudreau

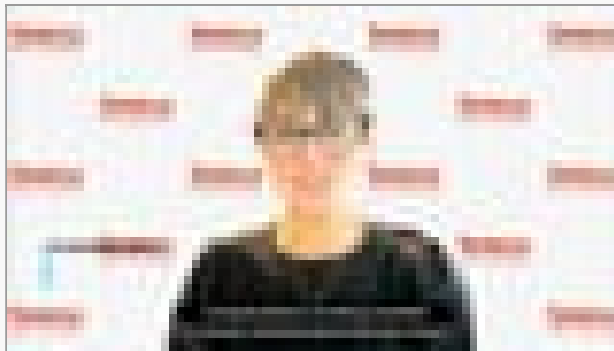




Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence
award recipient Alireza Faed



Seneca Transformative Educator
award recipient Jeevan Pant



Nominees for the 2022-2023 awards:

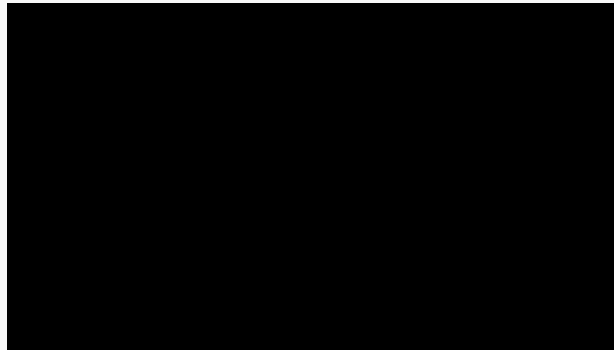
- **Arlene Blatt**, School of Legal, Public, and Office Admin ☒ recipient of the Seneca Transformative Educator
- Brynn Dooley, School of Biological Sciences and Applied Chemistry
- Stuart Evans, School of Fire Protection Engineering Technology
- Louise Jupp, School of Early Childhood Education
- **Kerri Knudsen**, School of Management and Entrepreneurship ☒ recipient of the Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence in Flexible Delivery
- **Angelina Malik**, School of Hospitality and Tourism ☒ recipient of the Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence

- Ash Patel, School of Human Resources and Global Business
- Roxanne Ramjattan, School of Community Services
- Maksim Sokolov, School of Management and Entrepreneurship

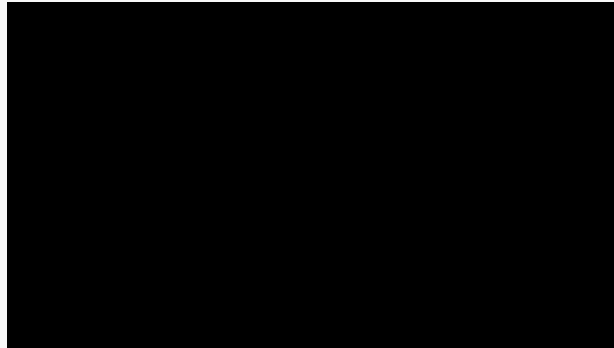
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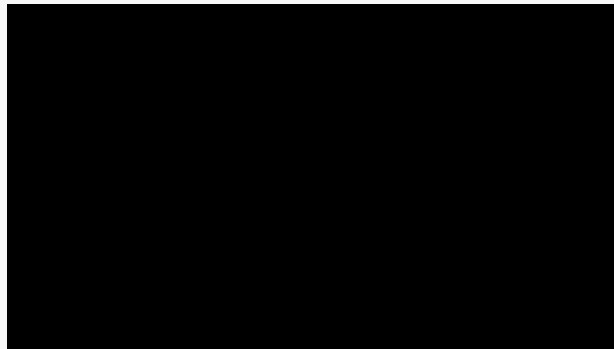
Seneca Transformative Educator
award recipient Arlene Blatt



Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence in Flexible Delivery
award recipient Kerri Knudsen



Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence
award recipient Angelina Malik

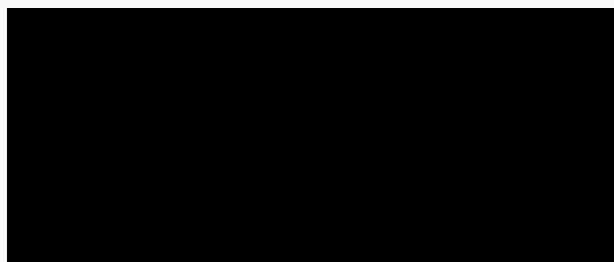


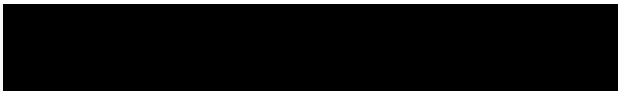
Nominees for the 2021-2022 awards:

- Tim Abbott, School of Media
- **Philip Ackerman**, School of Community Services ☒ recipient of the Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence in Flexible Delivery
- **Aladdin AlRadi**, School of Information Technology Administration and Security ☒ recipient of the Seneca Transformative Educator
- Mark Anglin, School of Management and Entrepreneurship
- Siobhan Bell, School of Nursing
- Justin Boudreau, School of Community Services
- Scott Campbell, School of Marketing
- Holly Cybukski, School of Media
- Darcey Dachyshyn, School of English and Liberal Studies
- Marina Engelking, English Language Institute
- **Athena Hurezeanu**, School of Hospitality and Tourism ☒ recipient of the Seneca Award for Teaching Excellence
- Brooke Jacobs, School of Media
- Catherine Mayers, School of Nursing
- Randy Pitawanakwat, Student Services
- Riccardo Ronca, School of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Paul Singh, School of Human Resources and Global Business
- David Trinh, School of Information Technology Administration and Security
- Ken Wong, School of Marketing

Congratulations to all the nominees!

The following video was created for Teaching & Learning Day Fall 2022 to honour the 2021-2022 award recipients:





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