

*A Tribute to 25 Years of Celebrating Exceptional Early Learning and Child Care Professionals in Niagara*  
The 2022 Niagara Early Learning & Child Care Awards of Excellence

# 2022 AWARD WINNERS

**Eco-friendly Child Care Practices Award**

A Child's World – Woodlawn

**Licensed Child Care Centre Administrator Award  
for Exceptional Leadership**

Melissa McLauchlan

**Nurturing Children's Connection to Nature Award**

A Child's World – Lookout Ridge

**Exceptional Volunteer Award**

The Kiwanis Clubs of Niagara  
– *St. Catharines Kiwanis Club,  
Stamford Kiwanis Club &  
Welland Kiwanis Club*

Rachel Henry

Marc Savain

**EarlyON & Family Centres Practitioner Award**

Jessi Pretty, Winnifred Willems

**Commitment to Continuous Professional  
Learning & Community Collaboration Award**

Jennifer Westveer

**Margaret Hamilton Graduating Student Award**

Damian Lloyd

**Kelly Albanese Memorial Inclusion Award**

La Boîte à soleil – Franco-Niagara

**Licensed Home Child Care Program Professionalism Award**

Karen Dryce  
Shannon Fletcher

Dorene Gahite  
Salve Raro

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**Kindergarten Team Excellence Award**

Becky Bartel  
Alison Witcomb

Donna Iconomopoulos  
Krista Smith

Sarah Cukierski  
Roxane Manners  
Melissa Taddeo

**Early Childhood Educator Professionalism Award**

Paige Bernie Reid  
Cindy Boles  
Nicole Doan  
Robynn Doolittle  
Brittney Fraser  
Elizabeth Gervasio  
Laura Jutras  
Andrea Lavoie

Lisa MacKay  
Grace MacLeod  
Lhex Mandanas  
Afaf Motssim  
Olivia O'Reilly  
Cassandra Poitras  
Maegan Price  
Breann Russo

Suzanne Sheehan  
Andie Shepherd  
Heather Stephen  
Erin St. Pierre  
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Sabrina Vautour  
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