



TPA Announces 2025-2026 Excellence Awards and Scholarships

June 19th, 2026 - The Tennis Professionals Association is proud to announce TPA Excellence awards and scholarships recipients for 2025 and 2026. The TPA is pleased to recognize these coaches and facilities' efforts, accomplishments as well as their dedication to the growth of tennis in Canada.

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2025 Coaching Excellence Award: Adam Taylor

Adam Taylor is a passionate and motivated tennis coach and leader, known for his impact on player development and program growth. A certified Coach 3 and Club Pro 3, he leads the U10 Little Aces Ontario program and contributes to RTC Toronto, supporting the development of emerging high-performance players including Nadia Laegev, Daniel Kamhi, and Daniel Marinov.

His coaching work has helped produce strong competitive results, including guiding Deniz Karabulut to the 2025 U14 Outdoor National Championship and Orange Bowl quarterfinals, as well as supporting Christoph Ross to a 9th-place finish at the 2025 U12 Outdoor National Championships

2025 Club Professional Excellence Award: Geoff Bower

Geoff is a charismatic and motivated leader whose passion for tennis and people has been a driving force behind his success. As a certified Coach 2 professional, he combines strong coaching expertise with exceptional interpersonal skills, creating engaging and inclusive environments for players of all ages and abilities. His ability to inspire others, build meaningful relationships, and lead with enthusiasm has made a lasting impact on the programs and organizations he serves.

2025 Year-Round Facility Excellence Award: The Boulevard Club

For over a century, The Boulevard Club has built a reputation around time honoured traditions, exemplary service, and unrivaled athletics programs for all ages and abilities. Throughout its history, the Boulevard Club has continuously championed and supported coach education and professional development in the Toronto region. With 10 tennis courts and a comprehensive, year-round youth and adult program for all playing levels, The Boulevard Club offers one of Toronto's top tennis facilities and experiences.

2025 Seasonal Facility Excellence Award: Centre de tennis St-Victor

A cornerstone of tennis in the Laval community, Centre de tennis Saint-Victor stands out for its strong commitment to player development, coach education, and community engagement. With six outdoor courts and a vibrant membership base, the club actively invests in its coaching team through funded certification and ongoing professional development opportunities. Its dedication to excellence and accessibility makes it a leader among seasonal tennis facilities in Canada.

2025 Course Facilitator Excellence Award: Alastair Millar

Certified Coach 3 and Club Professional 3, Alastair Millar serves as Head of Tennis Coaching Education for Tennis Canada. In this role, he oversees the national Coach 2, Coach 3, Coach 4, Club Professional 2, and Club Professional 3 certification pathways, working closely with Coach Developers and industry leaders across the country to support coach development. In addition, Alastair embodies the values of Tennis Canada and has made significant contributions to the growth of the coaching profession, helping develop coaches and athletes at the provincial, national, and international levels.

2025 Ari Novick Service to the Game Award: Jacques Bordeleau

Jacques Bordeleau is a certified Coach 4 with over 26 years of dedicated service to tennis in Canada, he has made a lasting impact as both a high-performance coach and a visionary program builder. A multiple-time recipient of national and provincial coaching honours—including Tennis Canada Coach of the Year—he has led the Université Laval Rouge et Or program to national success, highlighted by a historic women's championship in 2025.



2025 Community Tennis Leadership Award: Karl Hale

Karl is a certified Coach 4 and a driving force in growing tennis across Ontario and Canada as well as Jamaica where he founded the Helping Hands Jamaica Foundation. He has made a significant impact through his leadership and community-focused vision. By establishing multiple tennis clubs throughout the Greater Toronto Area, he has expanded access to the sport and introduced tennis to diverse communities in Mississauga, Markham, Toronto, and Brampton. Recognized as an industry leader, Karl's commitment to making tennis more accessible and inclusive continues to inspire participation and foster the sport's growth at the grassroots level.

2025 Innovation Award: Black Girls in Tennis

Black Girls in Tennis (BGIT) was born from a simple but powerful realization that something was missing. Founded by Jacqueline Ngondo, who learned the game from her father at just three years old, BGIT grew out of her lifelong love of tennis and her desire to see more women on the court. When she noticed the lack of community and representation in the spaces she played in, she decided to create the environment she wished existed. What began as a personal observation has grown into a movement where tennis serves as more than just a sport. It is a space for women to stay active, build confidence, form meaningful friendships, and thrive both on and off the court.

2026 Gary Caron TPA Scholarship: Robert Senic

Robert is a certified Coach 2 who has been coaching since 2014. He is the Head of ITF Juniors at the Alexander Waske Tennis University which is one of the top academies in the world. Robert has coached in England, Australia and British Columbia. He has certification with Tennis Australia and studies Psychology at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He has coached numerous National and International level players reaching Junior Grand Slams and Professional tournaments.

2026 Rene Simpson-Collins Excellence in Female Coaching Scholarship: Nicole McLennan

Nicole is a highly impactful coach who fully embodies the values of the Rene Simpson-Collins scholarship. As a Coach 3, she is known for developing not only technical excellence but also the mental resilience of her players. Her ability to instill confidence, discipline, and strategic focus has helped athletes succeed at provincial, national, and international levels. Nicole's holistic coaching approach—blending technical, tactical, and mental development—continues to create meaningful opportunities and lasting success.

Once again, congratulations to all recipients!