

# ATLANTIC COLLEGE OF THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE NEWS

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Welcome to this the twelfth issue of the Atlantic College of Therapeutic Massage News! Through this newsletter we keep our alumni, faculty, staff and massage therapy professionals updated on present and future events and programs at ACTM, as well as trends in the profession.

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## 1. ALUMNI

The Atlantic College of Therapeutic Massage was formed in July 2000 and is extremely proud of the 90 alumni who have received diplomas in massage therapy as of this date.

We welcome news and updates from alumni, to post on the Student Forum section of our website. Please send any such items to us at [rjactm@nb.aibn.com](mailto:rjactm@nb.aibn.com)

## 2. GRADUATION

On March 31, 2006 a group of 24 happy students received their diplomas at a graduation ceremony at the Crowne Plaza, Lord Beaverbrook Hotel in Fredericton. Dr. Ronald Harris, Administrative Director of Specialized Rehabilitation Services at the Stan Cassidy Center for Rehabilitation, delivered a thoughtful and inspiring address to the audience. The valedictorian was Melanie Babineau.

The new RMT's, including those who received Honours (at least 85% average) distinction are: Jacinta Loder – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.

Melanie Babineau – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.

Selena Braman – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.

Rosalynn Carter – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.

Katherine Chancey – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.

Amanda Davis – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.

Tony Dumont – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.

Erin Dunlop – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.  
Megan Giberson – Diploma in massage therapy.  
Christina Kelly – Diploma in massage therapy.  
Julia Kirkby – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.  
Melissa Lavigne – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.  
Jessica Leavitt – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours (subject to completion of clinical internship)  
Tracey Mockler – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.  
Jared Mott – Diploma in massage therapy.  
Joey Myshrall – Diploma in massage therapy.  
Sarah Orser – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.  
Melanie Perrin – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.  
Martin Salkey – Diploma in massage therapy.  
Melissa Stokes – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.  
Colleen Thompson – Diploma in massage therapy.  
Karen Totton – Diploma in massage therapy, with Honours.  
Tara Webster – Diploma in massage therapy.  
April Wells – Diploma in massage therapy.

In addition to the diplomas, more than 35 other awards were handed out, thanks to sponsorship and/or support from:

The Association of New Brunswick Massage Therapists <http://www.anbmt.ca/anbmt/>  
Canadian Massage Supply <http://www.canadianmassagesupply.ca/>  
The N.B. Massotherapy Association <http://www.nbma-amnb.ca/english/index.php>  
Physiotherapist Steve McKay of Restorative Health Centre in Fredericton, N.B.

Graduates who received certification in specialized areas of study are:

1. Canine Massage Certification – Jessica Leavitt, Tara Webster and April Wells.
2. Perinatal Massage Certification – Erin Dunlop, Christina Kelly, Tracey Mockler and Melissa Stokes.
3. Sports Therapy Certification – Melanie Babineau, Rosalynn Carter, Jacinta Loder and Jared Mott.

### 3. BURSARIES AWARDED

The Atlantic College of Therapeutic Massage recently awarded bursaries of \$500.00 each, to six students. These bursaries are awarded to senior students in good standing, who had at least one year of post-secondary education in the field of health sciences prior to enrollment at the Atlantic College of Therapeutic Massage. The students who received bursaries are:

Melanie Babineau  
Katy Chancey  
Christina Kelly  
Jules LeBlanc  
Christine Lemon  
Tracey Mockler

Congratulations to each of you!

### 4. NEW STUDENTS

A group of 16 students started the 18-month massage therapy program at ACTM on April

3, 2006. Once again, students have come to ACTM from across Canada and beyond, including New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, Quebec, Northwest Territories and Bermuda. We welcome all of you to Fredericton!

The next start date for the program is October 2, 2006. Information and application forms are available here: <http://www.actmonline.com/admissions.html>

#### 5. CONTINUING EDUCATION

There are a number of continuing education courses upcoming at ACTM this Spring and Summer. Whether you are looking for a weekend course, or for a certification course to give you specialized knowledge and skills in a particular field, we have what you need. Full details of all courses are available on the Continuing Education page of our website at:

<http://www.actmonline.com/coned.html>

#### 6. NATIONAL SURVEY OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS' OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Thank you to all of the Registered Massage Therapists from across Canada who responded to our survey of RMT's Occupational Health. And thanks as well to all of the Massage Therapy Associations that helped distribute the survey to their members. As soon as the results have been compiled we will share them with you, through publication in Massage Therapy Canada Magazine <http://www.massagetherapycanada.com/>

#### 7. PUBLIC CLINIC

Our public clinic at Kings Place continues in operation. Appointments are available Mondays and Wednesdays, at 4:00, 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. An experienced Registered Massage Therapist supervises all of the student massage therapists. The cost is \$15.00 plus HST for each one-hour treatment. Please call us at 451-8188 for an appointment.

#### 8. PRACTICE TIP

If you play recorded music from compact discs during treatments, are you required to pay anyone for this? The answer, surprisingly to some, is "Yes". When you play recorded music for business purposes it is different from playing music for personal use.

The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada ("SOCAN") protects the rights of music authors and composers in Canada by imposing tariffs on businesses that use music. For a typical massage therapist, the annual fee payable to SOCAN is \$94.51 per year. For more information, visit the SOCAN website at:

<http://www.socan.ca/jsp/en/resources/tariffs.jsp>

#### 9. WHO WE ARE

We are massage therapy education at its best. Located at Kings Place, 440 King Street, Fredericton, N.B., the Atlantic College of Therapeutic Massage delivers a program of massage therapy education equivalent to the competency standards of the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario. Look to us for innovation in:

- massage therapy education;
- cooperative agreements for students pursuing University education;

- clinical outreach programs; and
- continuing education

## 10. WEB SITE SUGGESTIONS

We continue to list links for information or resources from provincial massage therapy associations across Canada. Please let us know if we missed any association.

Newfoundland and Labrador - <http://www.nlmta.ca/>

Prince Edward Island - <http://www.gov.pe.ca/infopei/oneListing.php3?number=5590>

Nova Scotia - <http://www.eastmassage.org/>

New Brunswick - <http://www.anbmt.ca/anbmt/> and <http://www.nbma-amnb.ca/english/index.php>

Quebec - <http://www.fqm.qc.ca/FQMSiteW.nsf/portail?readform&lg=en>

Ontario - <http://www.omta.com/>

Manitoba - <http://www.mtam.mb.ca/>

Saskatchewan - <http://www.saskmassagetherapy.com>

Alberta - <http://www.mtaalberta.com/> and

<http://www.armts.com/>

British Columbia - <http://www.massagetherapy.bc.ca/>

## 11. THE FINE PRINT

We welcome suggestions for new items, such as classified ads.

Web Site suggestions are also welcome. Your input will be acknowledged.

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