



**ASTech
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Celebrating

**32 years of the ASTech
Awards**

October 28, 2021





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The Alberta Science and Technology Leadership Foundation (ASTech) was formed in 1989 by professionals from industry, academia and government to create a platform to tell the Alberta science and technology **stories of success.**



First Annual Alberta Science and Technology Leadership (ASTech) Awards
Edmonton - May 26, 1990
(Left to Right) Cody Slater, President, B & W Technologies Inc.,
Hon. Fred A. Stewart, Minister, Technology, Research and
Telecommunications, Alberta, Dr. Eric Geddes, Chairman, Advanced
Technology Project, Ronald G. Mcetich, Ph.D., President, Synphar Laboratories Inc.



The ASTech Awards became known as the Academy Awards of science and technology in Alberta.

For 25 years, elegant black-tie galas with world renowned entertainers were the order of the day.



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Hosted by TV personalities
such as **Jay Ingram**, **Mary Walsh** and **Gavin Crawford**,
they brought light-hearted
entertainment to the galas.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES • Jay Ingram, Discovery Channel, Daily Planet

Jay Ingram was named co-host of @discovery.ca in November 1994 and was instrumental in helping shape the program format. From 1979 to 1982, Ingram hosted CBC Radio's science program, Quirks and Quarks, and won two ACTRA Awards, including one for "Best Host". In 1993, he hosted The Talk Show, a CBC Radio series about language, which won a Science in Journalism Award. Ingram also presented items on the brain for CBC Television's The Health Show and contributed regular weekly science features for CBC Newsworld's Canada Live.

Ingram, who earned a Masters Degree in microbiology at the University of Toronto, is a prolific writer who has authored several books for children as well as adults. He writes weekly science columns for The Toronto Star and Equinox Magazine.



Recognized as one of Canada's top science journalists, Ingram has been recipient of the McNeill Medal, the Sandford Fleming Medal and the Michael Smith Award (all for the popularization or promotion of science). He has two honorary doctors of science degrees, from McGill University and Carleton University. He is also a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Alberta, and – for the spring semester of 2002 – a Distinguished Visiting Journalist at the University of Western Ontario.

featuring...



One of Canada's foremost comedienne, Mary Walsh, as Master of Ceremonies.

the 18th annual
**Alberta Science and Technology
AWARDS GALA**

Friday

October 19, 2007

Hyatt Regency Calgary

700 Centre Street SW, Calgary, Alberta

Master of Ceremonies

Gavin Crawford (born April 7, 1971) is a Canadian comedian and actor, best known for The Gavin Crawford Show and This Hour Has 22 Minutes. Crawford is a graduate of the MFA Acting Program at the University of British Columbia. He was the recipient of the Two Sides Entertainment Fund Award in 1998. Born in Lethbridge, Alberta, Crawford is the creator, writer and co-star of the satirical sitcom, which ran for two seasons on Canada's Comedy Network. In 2003 he joined the cast of This Hour Has 22 Minutes. He was made a full-time cast member of This Hour Has 22 Minutes. He was nominated four times for the Gemini Award, which he won in December 2004 for his work on The Gavin Crawford Show (he was nominated twice in 2004, also for This Hour Has 22 Minutes).

On April 10, 2008 Crawford was recognized by Lethbridge College's Institute with the Distinguished Achievement award. He also hosted the 2008 Canadian Screenwriting Awards. Crawford most recently hosted the Canadian version of How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria? which aired on CBC television in the summer of 2008.



Gavin Crawford



Pianist **Tommy Banks** was among the many well-known musicians who entertained the crowds.



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In the early days, Science Fair student displays were showcased.

They clearly taught the adults a thing or two...





Often the ASTech Awards were a **team event**, celebrating the accomplishments of many...



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And often they were a **family event**, celebrating together...



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But they were always **fun**
events ...



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Over 32 years, we've watched many award winners go on to global success:

Dr. Pere Santamaria won the Outstanding Leadership in Technology award in 2013. Parvus Therapeutics achieved unicorn status in 2019.



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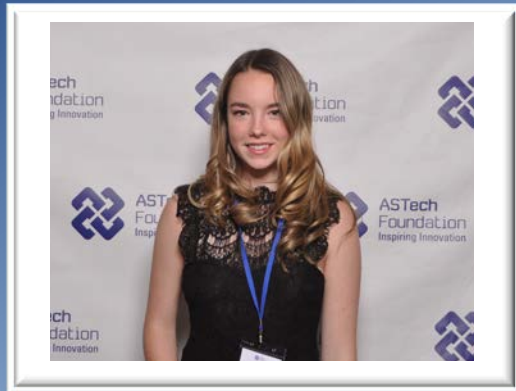
Dr. Breanne Everett,
Outstanding Leader of
Tomorrow in 2012 then won
Outstanding Start-Up with
Orpyx Medical Technologies
in 2013.

Today, Orpyx is a worldwide
brand leader in healthcare
prevention.



2013 Science Fair Featured Student **Chloe Devroy** became the ASTech Scholarship Winner in 2017.

She is pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Biology at University of Lethbridge.



We even honoured a **father and son**, 25 years apart.

In 1990, **Dr. Ronald Micetich** received the first-ever Outstanding Leadership in Alberta Science & Technology Award.





We even awarded a **father and son**, 25 years apart.

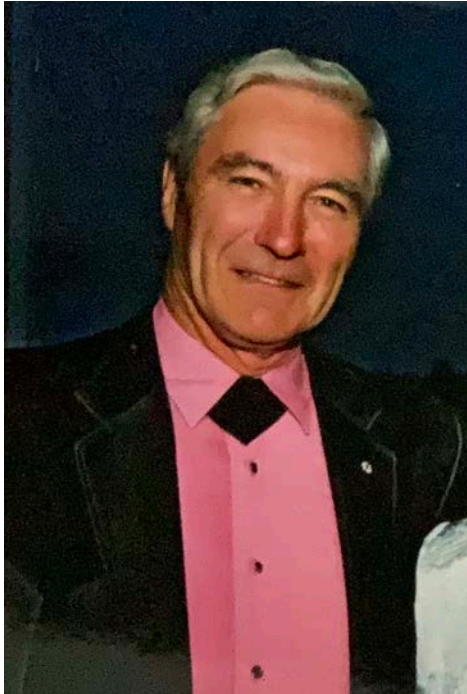
His son **Christopher Micetich** won the Commercial Achievement award in 2015 with Fedora Pharmaceuticals.



The Alberta innovation ecosystem
grew on the shoulders of giants....

Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour

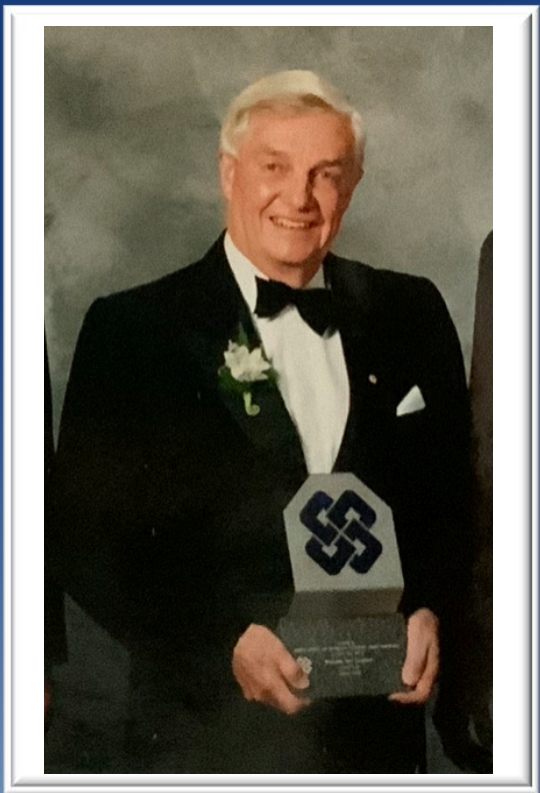




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The Alberta innovation ecosystem
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Dr. Bob Church



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Hon. Peter Lougheed

We thank many for their loyalty to
ASTech over the years...

Peter Kinash for 31 years of
service to the Board





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Martin Kratz for co-founding
ASTech and 30 years of service to
the Board





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Alison Sunstrum, whose
company won the 2012
Agricultural Innovation award. She
later **gave ASTech back the
\$10,000 cash prize** to “pay it
forward” and she founded a
scholarship with ASTech for
first-year post secondary students
pursuing STEM education.





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ASTech 2.0 in our 26th year brought a change of focus to celebrations:

- More networking
- More Next Gen Innovators Showcase
- More opportunity to meet Winners and Finalists



500 +



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Over 32 years, the ASTech
Foundation has:

Honoured more than 500
outstanding achievers in the
Alberta innovation ecosystem.

**\$1.6
million**



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Over 32 years, the ASTech
Foundation has:

Put more than **\$1.6 million** back
into the Alberta innovation
ecosystem through cash prizes.

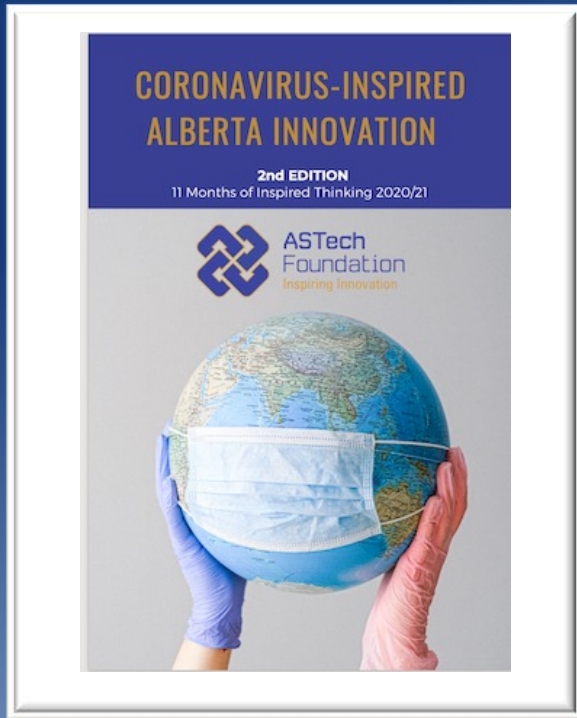


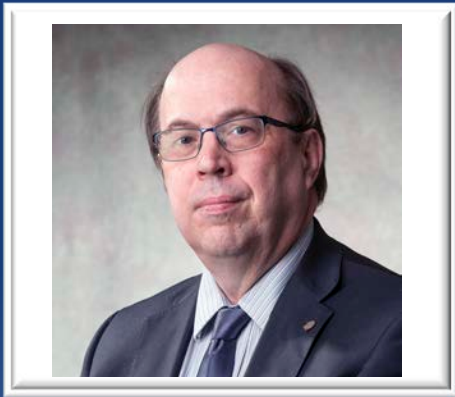
Over 32 years, the ASTech Foundation has:

Published a book to celebrate the impact of 30 years of Alberta innovation on our 30th Anniversary.

Over 32 years, the ASTech
Foundation has:

Published e-books celebrating the
efforts of innovate Albertans
through the coronavirus pandemic.





On behalf of the ASTech
Foundation Board of Directors,
Chair **Rob Thompson** and staff
Jill Cross & Sue McMaster,



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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