

2023 Lieutenant Governor's Award of Excellence for l'Acadie and Francophonie of Nova Scotia

Glenda Doucet-Boudreau, Concession, Digby County (Francophone)



From Saint-Mary's Bay, Glenda Doucet-Boudreau is a remarkable Acadian woman who has dedicated her life to the development and wellbeing of Acadian and francophone communities.

A nurse by training, she devotes much of her free time to supporting initiatives contributing to the vitality of Acadian communities, particularly in the sectors of education, women's rights and the promotion of Acadian heritage.

Glenda played a major role in the education sector through her involvement in legal proceedings to ensure that Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms be respected. In 2003, the Supreme Court of Canada's Doucet-Boudreau decision reaffirmed the responsibility of provinces and territories to meet obligations with respect to minority language education.

Finally, Glenda works to promote Acadian heritage and the status of women. She is a founding member of the Association Madeleine LeBlanc in Clare in 1975, and of the Fédération des femmes acadiennes de la Nouvelle-Écosse in 1983. She served for many years on the boards of both organizations and represented Nova Scotia on the board of directors of the Alliance des femmes de la francophonie canadienne, at the national level, for five years.

Jennifer Delorey, Larrys River, Guysborough County (Francophile)



Jennifer Delorey is committed to promoting and preserving Acadian culture and the French language in the Torbé (Tor Bay) Acadian region. Jennifer is the founding president of the parents' group advocating for a French-language school in Torbé.

She is also committed to French-language education in her personal life. Her son is enrolled in a French-language program. She herself is taking French-language training through Conseil scolaire acadien provincial to improve her skills.

In addition to all this, Jennifer volunteers with the Société acadienne de Torbé as vice-president and is involved in various initiatives in support of development of her community.

Sophie LeBlanc, Saulnierville, Digby County (Youth Recipient)



Sophie LeBlanc is a grade 12 student at École secondaire de Clare. Sophie has spent the past few years supporting the community in various ways: mentoring, volunteering, supporting initiatives, etc. In grade 11 (in 2022), Sophie was named Volunteer of the Year by the Municipality of Clare.

Sophie's involvement extends to many sectors: In addition to being co-president of the student council, and has been responsible for the Youth Committee of the Société acadienne de Clare and a member of the Youth Committee of the Fédération des femmes acadiennes de la Nouvelle-Écosse. Sophie is a recipient of a Rising Youth grant and has contributed to the province's French-language media by participating on social media platforms and writing articles for the *Courrier de la Nouvelle-Écosse*.

Sophie is dedicated to advancing the status of young women and Acadian women throughout the province, as well as promoting Acadie and the Francophonie in Nova Scotia and beyond. Sophie participates in Acadian and francophone visibility events across the country and even in Louisiana.

Sophie contributes to positive changes in the community as a mentor and role model for youth. Sophie's pride and passion for Acadie and the Francophonie are contagious and help contribute to the preservation of the culture.