

YEA Honourable Mentions – Regional Recognition

Outstanding Chapter Award

The Region 2 Young Engineer in ASHRAE (YEA) Outstanding Chapter Award is intended to provide public recognition of a Chapter within Region 2 for their outstanding activities related to YEA in the preceding Society year. With the goal of recognizing the promotion and representation of the 35 and under demographic of ASHRAE, this award will serve to reward chapter(s) for their exceptional participation in YEA activities and for notably accentuating and utilizing the various benefits/programs made available through the Society YEA Committee. The award will be presented annually to one or more qualified chapters at the Region II CRC. Minimum eligibility requirements and selection to be by Region 2 YRC.

Year	Name	Chapter
2012-2013	Michael Genin	Toronto
2013-2014	Nikola Zubic	London Canada
2014-2015	Sylvain-Pierre Crete	Quebec
2015-2016	Joe Della Valle	Ottawa
2016-2017	Marc Rossignol	Halifax
2017-2018	Ahmed Aboueich	Montreal
2018-2019	Amanda Smith	Windsor
2019-2020	Abhi Khurana, and Badri Patel	Toronto
2020-2021	Alekhy Kaianathbhatta	Toronto

LeaDRS

LeaDRS is an ASHRAE regional program that encourages the development of future regional and Society leaders. Similar to YEA's Leadership U program, the LeaDRS program allows a Region to select an ASHRAE member to shadow their Director and Regional Chair (DRC) at an ASHRAE conference. The LeaDRS program is open to all ASHRAE members (it is not restricted to YEA members).

Year Conference - City	Name	Chapter
2014 Annual- Seattle	Audrey Dupuis	Montreal
2015 Winter- Chicago	Isabelle Lavoie	Montreal
2016 Winter- Orlando	Ibrahim Semhat	London(CANADA)
2016 Annual- St. Louis	Sharlene Innes	NB/PEI
2017 Annual- Long Beach	Aaron Besseling	Hamilton
2017 Winter- Las Vegas	Alexis Gagnon	Quebec
2018 Winter- Chicago	Abhishek Khurana	Toronto
2019 Winter- Atlanta	Mustafa Morsy	Hamilton
2019 Annual- Kansas City	Brendan McDermott	Toronto
2020 Winter- Orlando	Elizabeth Primeau	Ottawa Valley

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Leadership U

Leadership U is a program in which four YEA members are selected for an ASHRAE Winter or Annual Conference to be matched up with Society Officers and participate in all of their events and board meetings, including social activities. Leadership U not only allows these young professionals to experience a conference like an Officer, but it is also a great opportunity to network and form connections with those active in ASHRAE.

Year Conference - City	Name	Chapter
2017 Winter - Las Vegas	Robert Hoadley	NB/PEI
2018 Annual - Houston	Abhishek Khurana	Toronto
2018 Annual - Houston	Alekhya Kaianathbhatta	Toronto
2020 Winter- Orlando	Badri Patel	Toronto

Leadership 2	Name	Chapter
2022	Olivier B Abhishek K Badri P	Quebec Toronto Toronto

YEA Developing Leader Award

This award is designed to recognize those members who started their involvement as soon as they joined ASHRAE. In the spirit of the ASHRAE Distinguished/Exceptional Service Award, this award is earned by earning points in a variety of categories. More involvement = more points!

Year	Name	Chapter
2018-2019	Abhishek Khurana	Toronto
2019-2020	Alekhya Kaianathbhatta	Toronto
2019-2020	Badri Patel	Toronto

YEA Individual Award of Excellence

This award is given based on service during the preceding Society Year, and nominated individuals for any of the award three categories should exemplify characteristics of YEA leadership and meet the following criteria:

Year	Name	Chapter
2018-2019	Emma Wildeman	Toronto
2019-2020	Badri Patel	Toronto
2019-2020	Abhishek Khurana	Toronto
2020-2021	Nissun Feiner	Toronto

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YEA Inspirational Leader Award

Jan 2022

Badri Patel, BEAP, received the YEA Inspirational Leader Award. The award recognizes a Young Engineer in ASHRAE (YEA) member who has gone above and beyond to make considerable contributions to the industry and community. Patel is commercial market account executive, Johnson Controls Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Jan 2024

YEA Inspirational Leader Award: Ghina Annan received the YEA Inspirational Leader Award. The award recognizes a Young Engineer in ASHRAE (YEA) member who has gone above and beyond to make considerable contributions to the industry and community. Annan is decarbonization business lead, Stantec, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Feb 2025

Abhishek Khurana, P.Eng., received the YEA Inspirational Leader Award. The award recognizes a Young Engineer in ASHRAE (YEA) member who has gone above and beyond to make considerable contributions to the industry and community. Khurana is chief executive officer, Voyager Buildings, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Feb 2026

Alekhya Kaianathbhatta, received the YEA Inspirational Leader Award. The award recognizes a Young Engineer in ASHRAE (YEA) member who has gone above and beyond to make considerable contributions to the industry and community. Kaianathbhatta is an associate, The HIDI Group, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.