

Governor General's Silver Medal 2018

The Governor General's Medal, established in 1873, is one of the most prestigious awards that can be received by a student in a Canadian educational institution for exceptional academic achievement. The University of King's College Governor-General's Silver Medal recognizes academic and journalistic excellence. It is awarded to a journalism student who is graduating with first-class Honours in the Bachelor of Journalism (Honours) degree program, or with Distinction in the one-year post-baccalaureate Bachelor of Journalism degree program, who has shown significant professional development during his or her time in the School of Journalism.

I am pleased to present this award to

Grace Margaret Power

During her time at King's Grace produced well-researched, strongly written, original and thoughtful stories. As a student in the fall term of Digital Reporting workshop, she was known for her clean copy — good grammar, few typos, regularly following Canadian Press style. Her professor and copy editor scoured her stories looking for errors, and by the end of the workshop it was tough to find any. One day Grace filed a draft that didn't require any changes. It was the new standard — “a Grace.”

She showed dedication to developing the craft of radio and podcast storytelling during her winter term Audio Workshop, in which she spent long hours, and became a sophisticated audio editor. She also developed a passion for radio drama and in her “spare” time, along with some of her audio colleagues, created some very entertaining “noir” dramas which can be heard on the School's SoundCloud page.

Jeff Reilly, her supervisor for her internship at CBC Nova Scotia in April, recalls spending less than an hour showing her how to use Protools, a high end audio editing and production software, that took him a couple of weeks to learn. He says “I left her to edit the voice for a one hour show. She did it in record time, made all the right choices and it required no further clean up. This is remarkable and not normal.”

And CBC Nova Scotia executive producer Ken MacIntosh calls Grace “an extremely capable reporter... and a pleasure to work with. Her deep knowledge of science shone through in her original pitches on world class cancer research being conducted at Dalhousie and a new approach to battling an invasive bug that's killing beech trees. I have no doubt that Grace will be as successful in her future as she was in her time with us here at CBC. I'm certain if we're not reading stories by her, then we will be reading stories about her and her great accomplishments.” Despite all of this talent and ability, Grace is unassuming and unfailingly kind to those she works with.

It gives me great pleasure to present the Governor General's Silver Medal to **Grace Power**.