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Congratulations to **Dr. Bruce Mazer**, who was awarded the inaugural Donald Stark Award for Excellence in Leadership in the Canadian Allergy Community by the Canadian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Foundation and the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology on October 21, 2021. It is no surprise that Bruce would be selected for such an award given his decades-long leadership in the field. The excerpt below from Dr. Christine McCusker's nomination letter summarizes just a few of Dr. Mazer's accomplishments.

"Dr. Mazer has been a major force in the development of allergy and immunology in Canada. After obtaining his MD at McGill University, Dr. Mazer pursued clinical training in allergy and immunology followed by a research fellowship at The National Jewish in Denver, Colorado. He returned to Montreal and took over the leadership of a then small faculty of pediatric allergy and immunology at the Montreal Children's Hospital. He opened his research lab and, at the same time, began actively recruiting residents to train in the field of allergy and immunology. He built the division over time from 2 faculty to 9 full members of the division and 3 associate members.



In addition to developing his own highly successful research program, he has nurtured the careers of other successful clinician scientists in allergy and immunology including Dr. Christine McCusker and Dr. Moshe Ben-Shoshan. His publication record is extensive and speaks to his success as a clinical and fundamental investigator. He was appointed Research Director for the Pediatric mission of the McGill University Health Center Research Institute prior to stepping into role of the Executive Director and Chief Scientific Officer (Interim), The Research Institute of the McGill University Health Center, a post he held for 4 years. The RI not only stayed the course under his leadership, but developed exciting new initiatives.

Dr. Mazer also excels in education, teaching in the clinical setting and in the classroom. He founded the allergy/immunology clinical training program at McGill, and his former trainees can now be found working in almost all Canadian provinces multiple countries worldwide. He has trained and mentored numerous MSc and PhD students who have gone on to independent research careers. His commitment to fostering an environment of openness, allowing students to explore their own interests and passions, is a model to emulate. His impact in growing the field of allergy/immunology in Canada and around the world is impressive."

Please join me in congratulating Bruce on this award and his many achievements.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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