

Brendan Cser – Recipient of COPR’s ACP Award of Excellence for 2024



The COPR 2024 ACP Award of Excellence goes to Brendan Cser. Brendan grew up in Toronto, Ontario, and moved across the country to Vancouver, British Columbia, to complete his PCP certification in 2012. Brendan started working for BCEHS on Bowen Island, which kickstarted his love for the profession. Over the years he has had the opportunity to work all across BC and Northern Alberta.

This profession has given him experiences like no other and he quickly realized how rewarding this profession can be. With that, he made the decision to pursue his ACP training through Medavie in Saskatchewan and graduated in 2024.

Brendan feels lucky to be able to provide a high level of care to people who are in need. He loves the challenge, as well as the idea that there is always something to learn and improve upon. He considers it a privilege to do the work that he does.

Brendan enjoys being outdoors, camping, hiking, and exploring the beautiful province he calls home. The rest of his time is spent taking his dog to new parks or trying new

cocktail bars with his wife.

First and foremost, Brendan would like to thank his wife and family, who, without their support, none of this would have been possible. He thanks the countless colleagues he has worked with and learned so much from over the years. He would also like to thank Taylor Steinacher, Corey Ecarnot, and the many staff at Medavie West who helped him along the way.

Erin Henriksen – Recipient of COPR’s PCP Award of Excellence for 2024



The COPR 2024 PCP Award of Excellence goes to Erin Henriksen. Erin, who grew up in Castlegar, BC, has always had a deep curiosity about the human body. Initially planning to follow in her mother’s footsteps as a nurse, life took her in unexpected directions.

During her 20’s, Erin traveled the world, volunteering at orphanages in Kenya and contributing to animal rescues in various countries. Erin’s travels took her to 60 countries immersing herself into many different cultures.

Upon returning to Canada, Erin obtained her OFA level 3 certification and later earned her EMR license. She began her career in industrial first aid, working in oil and gas, hydro, and construction. Notably, she spent two years as the medic for the headworks section of the Site C dam project.

In October 2022, Erin joined BCEHS at Station 402 in Castlegar. Determined to advance her career, she relocated to Vancouver in January 2024 to complete the full-time Primary Care Paramedic program at JIBC New Westminster, earning her PCP license in September 2024.

Outside of work, Erin is an avid adventurer who enjoys hiking, cross-country running, Crossfit, yoga, surfing, scuba diving, mountaineering, and traveling. She is also animal obsessed and would one day love to run a rescue. She cherishes time spent with her family and 3 dogs.

Erin extends her heartfelt gratitude to her instructors and classmates at JIBC New Westminster, as well as her Station 402 family, for their support.

Morgan Paziuk – Recipient of COPR’s EMR Award of Excellence for 2024



The COPR 2024 EMR Award of Excellence goes to Morgan Paziuk. Morgan grew up in Ste. Rose du Lac, MB, a community of approximately 1000 people 250km NW of Winnipeg. Following high school, Morgan attended Brandon University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Mathematics in 2016. As graduation from Brandon University grew closer, Morgan was contemplating her next professional endeavor when a family member encouraged her to look into employment at the Medical Transportation Coordination Centre, the province’s only medical dispatch centre distinguished as an Accredited Centre of Excellence by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch. With two immediate family members with careers in EMS, employment at MTCC was appealing to Morgan and, after touring the facility, she was convinced this was something she wanted to pursue.

Morgan began her career in EMS in 2016 and remained employed by MTCC until 2020. She thrived in the fast-paced dispatch environment and experienced immense professional growth during those years. Morgan acquired many lasting friendships at MTCC and enjoyed the camaraderie of EMS tremendously.

In 2020, Morgan departed from MTCC and moved back to her home town with her partner and 5 month old baby girl. Morgan mainly worked in logistics while living in Ste. Rose. She and her partner welcomed another two children in 2021 and 2022. With 3 children under 3 years old, life became very busy for Morgan and her partner but eventually the sleepless nights waned and Morgan began to consider her professional goals once again.

In 2024, Morgan felt compelled to return to MTCC and she was welcomed back by her former employer and many of her former colleagues. During her time away, EMS in Manitoba had changed and the College of Paramedics had adopted the COPR examination for entry to practice so Morgan enrolled in the EMR program at Elite Safety Services to re-acquire her license. Morgan is excited for the opportunities that lie ahead and would like to thank all of the instructors, mentors, and colleagues that have helped to shape her EMS career so far.