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THE SOCIETY FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION ANNOUNCES THE 2024 RECIPIENT OF THE CHRISTOPHER KNAPPER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

June 6, 2024 – The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) proudly announces Julia Christensen Hughes, President and Vice-Chancellor of Yorkville University, as the 2024 Christopher Knapper Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. This prestigious award, created in 2002, recognizes individuals who have significantly contributed to teaching, learning, and educational development in Canadian higher education over their careers.

The award is named in honor of Christopher Knapper, the founding president of STLHE and a dedicated member of the Society's Board of Directors for 20 years. His legacy of excellence and commitment to enhancing the quality of higher education in Canada set the standard for this award.

Presented biennially, the Christopher Knapper Lifetime Achievement Award celebrates individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service and dedication to the Society and the broader educational community.

Julia Christensen Hughes' exemplary career embodies the spirit of this award. Her contributions to the field of higher education have significantly advanced teaching and learning practices across Canada. Through her dedication and innovative approach, Christensen Hughes has profoundly impacted the academic community, fostering an environment of excellence and continuous improvement in educational development.

"I am truly honoured to receive this award. I have so much admiration for Christopher Knapper, and each of the previous award recipients, many of whom I had the great privilege and pleasure of working alongside, during my time on STLHE's board, as we endeavored to change Canada's higher education landscape. What united us was a passion for students and their learning, and a desire to challenge the system and 'make teaching count,'" said Christensen Hughes, Yorkville's President and Vice-Chancellor.



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Christensen Hughes' recognition as the 2024 award recipient underscores her unwavering commitment to the values and mission of STLHE. Her work not only honours the legacy of Christopher Knapper but also inspires educators and educational developers nationwide.

The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education congratulates Julia Christensen Hughes for this well-deserved honour. Her achievements and service to the educational community are truly commendable, and her influence will continue to shape the future of higher education in Canada.

For more information about the Christopher Knapper Lifetime Achievement Award and the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, please visit:

<https://www.stlhe.ca/awards/christopher-knapper-lifetime-achievement-award/>

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