



## 2026 UPEI Distinguished Alumni Award

### Alysha Corrigan (BBA 2018)

Alysha Corrigan began her rugby career playing with the Charlottetown Rural Raiders before wearing the UPEI Panthers green and white for four seasons until she graduated from UPEI in 2018 with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

Alysha was a standout student athlete earning multiple AUS All Star and second team All Canadian Awards, as well as multiple Academic All-Canadian awards. She led her Panthers team in scoring in her final season, and at the conclusion of her UPEI career, she played one final year in the AUS with Acadia where she finished second in conference scoring.

Alysha was named to the national senior women's rugby team in 2018 and is widely regarded as one of the most exciting players in Canadian rugby.

She has represented Canada and won silver at the 2025 Rugby World Cup and at the 2023 Pan American Games, and a bronze medal at the Grand Finals of the 2026 Rugby Sevens World Tour.

She played for the Canadian women's sevens team at the 2024 Paris Olympics where she was instrumental in her team's success in earning a silver medal. She scored a try in the final game versus rugby powerhouse New Zealand.

With a silver in Paris, Alysha became the first woman from PEI ever to medal at a Summer Olympic games and the second UPEI alum to win an Olympic medal following Brett Gallant's bronze in 2022. She is also an accomplished professional player, currently playing with Saracens Women, a top London-based team in Premiership Women's Rugby.

Alysha is proud to be a role model for young female athletes in PEI, just as Heather Moyse, two-time Olympic gold medalist in bobsledding, was for her. Less than two weeks after winning the silver medal in Paris, she hosted a skills camp at the UPEI Alumni Canada Games Place for dozens of young rugby players who hope to follow in her footsteps.

Her exploits on the pitch as one of UPEI's and Canada's top rugby players have earned her several prestigious awards and accolades.

She was named co-winner of the UPEI Alumni Association's Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year Award in 2016 and 2018. She is a four-time recipient of the Stewart McKelvey Sport PEI Senior Female Athlete of the Year Award and a two-time recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Award as PEI's top overall athlete in 2024 and 2025.

In recognition of her inspiring and historic athletic achievements, the UPEI Alumni Association is proud to present Alysha Corrigan (BBA 2018), with a 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award.