



Congratulations to Rhaelyn Gillespie on being awarded the 2022 Alumni Achievement Award!

Rhaelyn Gillespie was the recipient of this year's 2022 Alumni Achievement Award. The Alumni Achievement Award acknowledges the professional, civic, and personal accomplishments of an Algoma alumnus/a who has graduated within the last 10 years.

Rhaelyn graduated from Algoma University in 2017 from the Bachelor of Business Administration program, with a minor in Marketing and Human Resources. Rhaelyn prides herself on her work ethic while searching for meaningful ways to positively impact those around her, and as such entered the world of entrepreneurship and co-founded [Mintier](#), the world's first oil-based breath mint, with her business partner Jessica Sheppard.



Once they developed their product, they applied and successfully got into Dragons Den's Arlene Dickinson's accelerator program, VenturePark Labs, where they refined their business strategy to grow the brand even more. Since launching, the brand has been featured in Taste Toronto, Girlboss, Breakfast Television, the Business Anecdote, and Start-Up HERE Toronto, to name a few. Mintier can now be found in over 100 stores across Canada, such as Sobeys and Pusateries, and in the United States.

Congratulations, Rhaelyn!

