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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BANDUCCI, Carol T.

MSM

CG: 30 March 2024

Ms

GH: 25 June 2025 received

Created *The Miner's Lamp Fund* to support Early Detection of mental illness

DOI: 2018

Received: 25 June 2025

Awarded: 03 May 2022

"In 2016, Carol Banducci created The Miner's Lamp Innovation Fund, a partnership between the IAMGOLD Corporation and the University of Toronto's Department of Psychiatry. This charitable program supports research into the early detection of mental illness, and has raised more than \$4 million to date."



Carol Banducci is executive vice-president and chief financial officer of IAMGOLD Corporation. She plays a key role in driving the corporate strategy and has expertise in corporate restructurings, mergers and acquisitions. She was chair of the board of directors of Niobec Inc., a former subsidiary of IAMGOLD, prior to orchestrating its sale in 2015. Prior to joining IAMGOLD in 2007, she held financial executive positions in the manufacturing and explosives industries.

Banducci has a BComm from the University of Toronto and completed the Directors Education Program at the Rotman School of Management. She is a board member of Thompson Creek Metals Company Inc. and Euro Resources SA. She is a member of the working committee of the Canadian Board Diversity Council, and in 2015 was recognized by the Women's Executive Network as one of Canada's 100 Most Powerful Women. She co-chaired the 2015 Grad Ball for Pathways to Education, a non-profit organization that helps disadvantaged youth across Canada. In 2016, she formed a partnership with the University of Toronto's Department of Psychiatry to launch a fundraising initiative for the prevention and early detection of mental illness among adolescents and young adults, which raised \$400,000 in its first year.

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BELL, Trevor

MSM

CG: 30 March 2024

Professor – Geography, Memorial University

St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador

GH: 25 June 2025 received

Founder of SmartICE recording Climate Change in the North

DOI: January 2020 on

Received MSM: 25 June 2025

Awarded: 03 May 2022

"Scientist Trevor Bell is working with Indigenous communities to ensure safer travel in northern Canada by monitoring ice conditions. He is the founder of SmartICE, an Indigenous-led social enterprise that empowers communities to record sea, lake and river ice conditions by combining traditional knowledge with state-of-the-art ice monitoring and mapping."

Professor Bell is a champion of issues surrounding climate change and Indigenous people in the Arctic, and whose extraordinary creativity, drive, and concern has had a substantial impact on the wellbeing of Canadians across the North. He has merged natural and social sciences with Indigenous knowledge and expertise to create a truly multi-disciplinary approach to his research on climate variability and change. In recognition of the significance of his research to his discipline, policy change, and the community, Dr. Bell was named a Fellow of both the Royal Society of Canada and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. He has twice received the Arctic Inspiration Prize, in collaboration with the Nunatsiavut Government, for knowledge-to-action plans that benefit Arctic Peoples. His most recent partnership—SmartICE—has transformed into a social enterprise recognized by the United Nations (2017) for its novel climate solution, and the Governor General's Innovation Award (2019) for its "truly exceptional, transformative, and positive impact on quality of life in Canada". In 2021, Trevor received the inaugural Frederik Paulsen Arctic Academic Action Award and the Martin Bergmann Medal for Excellence in Arctic Leadership for his ground-breaking achievements on climate change adaptation. Trevor acts as a Regional Lead and Trainer for the western part of Canada.



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GAYET, Romain Mr Involvement with the Comité Mémoire for the École Polytechnique de Montréal tragedy	MSM Montréal, Quebec	CG: 30 March 2024 GH: 19 March 2024 DOI: 06 December 2019
GRAVEL, Annie-Clara Ms Involvement with the Comité Mémoire for the École Polytechnique de Montréal tragedy	MSM Sainte-Anne-des-Lacs, Quebec	CG: 30 March 2024 GH: 19 March 2024 DOI: 06 December 2019
PETIT, Michel Mr Involvement with the Comité Mémoire for the École Polytechnique de Montréal tragedy	MSM Montréal, Quebec	CG: 30 March 2024 GH: 19 March 2024 DOI: 06 December 2019
SCANVIC, Florence Ms Involvement with the Comité Mémoire for the École Polytechnique de Montréal tragedy	MSM Prévost, Quebec	CG: 30 March 2024 GH: 19 March 2024 DOI: 06 December 2019



Bergeron

“Catherine Bergeron, Jacques Duchesneau, Romain Gayet, Annie-Clara Gravel, Michel Petit and Florence Scanvic have distinguished themselves by their outstanding involvement with the Comité Mémoire, formed in the wake of the École Polytechnique de Montréal tragedy. They have worked tirelessly to pay tribute to the 14 victims of December 6, 1989. They played a decisive role in organizing the 30th anniversary commemoration, notable for the participation of 13 Canadian universities, elevating the ceremony to the status of a major national movement and amplifying the message condemning violence against women.” Catherine



Coming from a modest background, **Jacques Duchesneau** joined the Montreal police force at the age of 18 in 1968. After serving as patrol officer, double constable, investigator and commanding officer, he was appointed head of the department in 1994. His five-year term was marked by the establishment of neighbourhood policing, which focused on a community-based approach. In 1998 he left the Montreal Urban Community Police Service to enter municipal politics. He suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of Pierre Bourque, who was nevertheless dogged by scandals. In 2000, he became Vice President of Datacom, a fleet management and stolen vehicle tracking company. At the same time, he was appointed Colonel Commandant of the Canadian Forces Military Police. In 2002, he was the President of the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority, created in the wake of 11 September 2001. In 2008 he completed a doctoral thesis on the prevention of terrorism and teaches at ENAP and the Department of Political Science at UQAM. In 2009, he publicly denounced the corruption that reigns in the municipal world, which he believes is a well-established reality in Quebec.

Superintendent Jacques Duchesneau, CM, COM, KStJ, CQ, MSM, CD

Awarded **Member of the Order of Canada (CM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 08 October 1997.
 Awarded **Member of the Order of Police Merit (MOM)** as per the **Canada Gazette**.
 Awarded **Commander of the Order of Police Merit (COM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 14 October 2024 as a Deputy Director.
 Awarded **Knight of the Order of St. John (KStJ)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 08 March 1997.
 Awarded **Knight l'Ordre du Quebec (CQ)** in 2008.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BERNARD, Olivier

Mr

The Pharmafist, is on a mission to demystify pharmacology

MSM

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 30 March 2024

GH: 19 March 2024

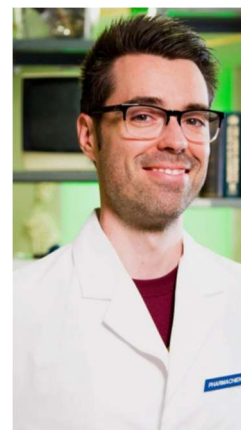
DOI: 2012

Awarded: 03 May 2022

“A science communicator pursuing a career in the media industry, Olivier Bernard, better known as The Pharmafist, is on a mission to demystify pharmacology for as many people as possible. With a creative and playful approach, he encourages the public to develop critical thinking skills when confronting popular health beliefs. By tackling trendy pseudo-scientific myths, he is fostering a better understanding of the medical and pharmaceutical spheres, enabling Canadians to make better health choices.”

Le Pharmachien is the name of the character he created for his educational comic book website launched in 2012 – for which he also does the drawings – as well as on social networks. The concept was revived in a TV show on ICI Explora, which is now in its fourth season. In The Adventures of the Pharmachien, once again, he intervenes to defend science and help us take a critical look at phenomena as widespread as dieting or acupuncture. He may explain that the concept of "detox" does not exist in science – it is organs such as the liver or kidneys that cleanse the blood, not soups, juices or massages or purges – or that there is no evidence that osteopathy can cure absolutely everything, as some claim.

He studies Pharmacy at Laval University.



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BHATIA, Navdeep Singh

Mr

Toronto Raptors's Superfan – Created Superfan Foundation to build Basketball Courts

MSM

Mississauga, Ontario

Received 25 June 2025

CG: 30 March 2024

GH: 25 June 2025 received

DOI: 2012

Awarded: 03 May 2022

“Toronto Raptors super fan Nav Bhatia created the Nav Bhatia Superfan Foundation to build basketball courts and host camps for kids from low-income communities. The foundation also donates sports equipment to schools in Toronto, and has raised tens of thousands of dollars for World Vision Canada’s Daughters of India project.”

Bhatia has attended every Raptors' home game since 1995 the year the team first joined the league – until the pandemic.

Bhatia immigrated from India in the 1980s, when he said and his family were forced to flee the country following a military operation targeting Sikhs. When he arrived in Canada in 1984, Bhatia says he had difficulty finding employment. And when he finally did get work, he endured racism at the hands of unhappy customers. He went on to become a successful car salesman and dealership owner.

In addition to his life as a superfan, Bhatia has a nearly 40-year marriage to wife, Arvinder (or, as she's referred Mrs. Superfan).

Bhatia's underdog journey from a struggling outsider to a Canadian icon is paralleled with the journey of the Raptors themselves. The team suffered during their first few seasons, settling in at the bottom rung of the Eastern Conference standings during the mid-90s and early 2000s before their stunning ascent to the NBA championship in 2019. Bhatia received a coveted championship ring when the Raptors won.



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BIGEAGLE-KEQUAHTOOWAY, Joely Marilyn	MSM	CG: 30 March 2024
Ms	Regina, Saskatchewan	GH: 19 March 2024
Co Founder of the Buffalo People Arts Institute - Artist White Bear First Nation		DOI: 2015
		Received: 25 June 2025

KEQUAHTOOWAY, Lorne William Stanley	MSM	CG: 30 March 2024
Mr	Regina, Saskatchewan	GH: 25 June 2025 received
Founder Buffalo People Art Institute Treaty 4		DOI: 2015
	Received 25 June 2025	Awarded: 03 May
2022		

“Joely BigEagle-Kequahtoway and Lorne Kequahtoway founded the Buffalo People Arts Institute in 2015. Through traditional arts and buffalo hide workshops, they have shed light on the history of a once-thriving species that contributed to the formation of North America and continues to hold tremendous importance in the lives of Indigenous peoples.”

Lorne William Stanley Kequahtoway

Originally from the Treaty 4 area, Zagime Anishnabek, Lorne Kequahtoway is dedicated to sharing and preserving his culture with others in Saskatchewan. Lorne is a co-founder of Buffalo People Arts Institute, where he currently teaches cultural awareness through storytelling and community engagement around an interactive buffalo hide-tanning experience.

Joely Marilyn BigEagle-Kequahtoway

Joely BigEagle-Kequahtoway is a writer, fashion and textile designer, visual artist, and co-founder of the Buffalo People Arts Institute. She comes from a long line of buffalo hunters and is Nakota/Cree/Saulteaux from the White Bear First Nations, a signatory to Treaty 4. She has degrees in civil engineering from the University of Calgary, and in mathematics from the First Nations University of Canada.



Lorne Kequahtoway



Joely BigEagle-Kequahtoway

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BLAIR, Gary Lawrence MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Mr Montreal, Quebec GH: 19 March 2024
Co-created The Art Healing Foundation – putting Works of Art into Hospitals DOI: 2002
Awarded: 03 May 2022

PINCHUK, Earl Steven MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Mr Montreal, Quebec GH: 19 March 2024
Co-created The Art Healing Foundation DOI: 2002
Awarded: 03 May 2022

“Gary Blair and Earl Pinchuk created The Art for Healing Foundation in 2002. Thanks to their efforts, over 13,500 inspiring works of art have been installed in 90 hospitals and health care facilities across Canada, creating environments that foster serenity and hope in patients, their families and care providers.”

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CARLI, Martin MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Ms Montreal, Quebec GH: 19 March 2024
Demystify science and make it widely accessible via television show Génial! DOI: 2010
Received MSM: 25 June 2025 Awarded: 03 May 2022

“Science popularizer and co-host of the television show Génial! Martin Carli has made it his mission to demystify science and make it widely accessible. A sought-after speaker and presenter, he has made science an attractive field of study for young people through such events as “Les filles et les sciences, un duo électrisant!,” the Eurêka! Festival and the Expo-Sciences Hydro-Québec. His ability to deliver a range of science content in a captivating and entertaining way has inspired many to pursue a science career.”

Facilitator, teacher, biochemist, communicator, popularizer, Martin Carli has more than one string to his bow. Although he is best known to the general public for his role as co-host of the show Génial! – a popular science quiz broadcast on Télé-Québec – his training will surprise many. The popular TV and radio host holds a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry, in addition to having completed a doctorate in neurological sciences (1997) at the Faculty of Medicine of the Université de Montréal. Martin Carli seems to have fallen into science when he was little! He has also been a professional magician (mentalist) for over 20 years. He has presented more than 1200 shows and won first prize at the Quebec Micromagic Competition in 2000. During these conferences, Martin Cali presents different experiences that are at once fun, surprising and spectacular. The public is called upon to help him realize his scientific magic!



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

DE GENOVA, Allan Frank

Mr / H/Colonel – 5th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA
Established Honour House in New Westminster and Honor Ranch to help Disabled Vets

MSM
Vancouver, British Columbia

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: 2010
Awarded: 03 May 2022
Invested: 08 May 2024



“All De Genova is dedicated to giving back to those who serve and protect Canada. In 2010, he founded the Honour House Society to support injured and ill military members and veterans, first responders and their families during treatment and rehabilitation. At the Honour Ranch, the charity provides specialized care for individuals affected by operational stress injuries. To date, the organization has saved families thousands of dollars in accommodation costs.”

Allan is a real estate project marketer and was a Vancouver Park Commissioner from 1993 – 2008.

During his Park Board tenure, he was involved with the creation of the Italian Garden at Hastings Park, the refurbishment of Victory Square Park and Cenotaph and served the Board on many projects and committees, including Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, Hastings Park Working Committee, and Capital Plan strategy to redevelop

Sunset Community Centre and most recently, the renovation and revitalization of Nat Bailey Baseball Stadium.



Allan is a member of the Vancouver Chinatown Merchants' Association, a Director for the Vancouver Resource Society for People with Disabilities and he is currently an **Honorary Colonel with 5th Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.**

Medals: MSM – EIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

EAGEN, Linda M. S.
Ms
CEO Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation

MSM
Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: 2011
Awarded: 03 May 2022
Invested: 08 May 2024

“Visionary leader Linda Eagen is a champion for cancer patients and survivors. During her tenure as CEO of the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation, she led efforts to establish Canada’s first Cancer Survivorship Centre, which opened in 2011, as well as a cancer coaching program. The centre has since provided much-needed resources and support services to survivors, and has helped them stay physically and mentally healthy following treatment.”



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GENDREAU, Andre
Mr
Improve Canada’s Cyber Defence Infrastructure

MSM CD
Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: January 2018 to present
Awarded: 03 May 2022
Invested: 21 March 2024

“A civilian member of the Canadian Forces Network Operations Centre, Andre Gendreau has shown exemplary leadership in improving Canada’s cyber defence infrastructure. Leading several large-scale missions, he has contributed greatly to improving knowledge in this field. His unwavering dedication to protecting Canadian interests has made it possible for Canada to acquire the best tools to counter cyberattacks.”

Andre served in the Canadian Armed Forces from approximately 2006 to 2018 reaching the rank of Warrant Officer in the RCAF. He had experience as the Senior Canadian Detachment Norfolk/Threat Analysis and Network Manager with the US Navy at Virginia Beach, USA. Then as the Cyber Defence Operations Warrant Officer Canada Area in Ottawa. In 2011 he was the Deputy Cyber Defence Operations Officer Canada Area in Ottawa and finally as the Future Operations Officer in Ottawa from 2016 to 2018. He then retired from the Canadian Armed Forces and became a civilian member of the Canadian Forces Network Operations Centre as the Deputy Operations Officer in January 2018.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

GIBBONS, Jack Osler
Mr
Chair Ontario Clean Air Alliance

MSM
Toronto, Ontario

CG: 30 March 2024
GH:
DOI: 2004 to 2014
Awarded: 03 May 2022



“Economist and former Toronto Hydro commissioner Jack Gibbons led the Ontario Clean Air Alliance’s campaign, which was instrumental in phasing out the use of coal-fired energy plants. For over 10 years, he implemented change at the community and provincial government levels, which led to the last plant being decommissioned in 2014.”

Former Toronto Hydro Commissioner and current Director of Pollution Probe's Energy Programme. Jack Gibbons is a leading voice in the push for Ontario to phase out Coal. He is currently advocating for Ontario to not follow through with plans to refurbish nuclear power plants.

JENKINS, Malcolm John

Mr – Canadian Tire Owner in Prince Albert
Canadian Tire Owner in Prince Albert support the parent companies Jumpstart Foundation

SOM MSM
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
Awarded 25 June 2025

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 19 March 2024
DOI: 2011

“Malcom Jenkins never hesitates to lend a hand. As the Canadian Tire dealer in Prince Albert, he proudly supports the company’s Jumpstart Foundation. Over the course of his career, he has hosted fundraisers at his store and donated millions of dollars to build inclusive playgrounds, recreation spaces, hospitals and community centres.”



Philanthropist and Canadian Tire owner in Prince Albert, Malcolm Jenkins has long been known for his contributions to many facilities and organizations around the city. He was a major fundraiser for the Rawlinson centre, but also a pushing force behind getting various arts groups, theatre groups established in Prince Albert and also worked on children’s playgrounds and sports centres in Prince Albert. He was the lead donor for the Alfred Jenkins Field House, which opened in 2011 and is named in honor of his late father.

Medals: SOM - MSM – EIIR Platinum Jubilee (Saskatchewan)

Awarded **Saskatchewan Order of Merit (SOM)** in 2011.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

LEWIS, Ronald Alexander MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Constable - Nishnawbe Aski Police Service Ashton, Ontario GH: 23 June 2025
Developed an innovative teddy bear program to hand out to children under stress DOI: December 2019
Medal Presented 25 June 2025 Awarded: 03 May 2022

“In December 2019, Alex Lewis developed an innovative teddy bear program while working with the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service in Fort Severn First Nation. Police officers are given teddy bears to hand out to children in potentially distressing and traumatic situations, as a means of offering comfort and establishing trust.”



Medals: MSM – Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers

Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteer’s Citation: Alex Lewis' desire to volunteer and to be involved in the community has long been a constant element in his daily activities. He has given of his time to numerous causes and organizations, including Cadets Canada, Do It For Darren, the National Capital Area Crime Stoppers and Camp No Limits, to name but a few.

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LYNCH, Wanda Elizabeth MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Ms Goulds, Newfoundland and Labrador GH: 23 June 2025
Co-Director of the Signal Hill Tattoo. DOI: 1979 to 2023
Medal presented 25 June 2025 Awarded: 03 May 2022

“For over 40 years, Wanda Lynch has been the co-director of the Signal Hill Tattoo. She introduced a First World War component to the long-standing show, which required extensive planning to ensure its accuracy. Her efforts boosted attendance and helped visitors learn more about the Royal Newfoundland Regiment’s contributions to the war effort.”

Co-Director with her husband, Major James Lynch, MSM CD of the Signal Hill Tattoo.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

McDONALD, Alexander Montgomery

MSM

CG: 30 March 2024

Mr

Toronto, Ontario

GH: 19 March 2024

Founded Vimy Oaks Legacy to honour the memory of his friend, Lieutenant Leslie Miller

DOI: November 2018

“Monty McDonald founded Vimy Oaks Legacy to honour the memory of his friend, Lieutenant Leslie Miller, who fought at the Battle of Vimy Ridge in France (and later) gathered acorns from the battlefield and planted them on his farm in Scarborough, Ontario. Mr. McDonald partnered with The Vimy Foundation to donate saplings grown from Lieutenant Miller’s acorns to the Centennial Park beside the Vimy memorial. Another 1,000 descendant oak trees have also been planted at commemorative sites across Canada, symbolizing the sacrifice of Canadian troops overseas.”

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

LT. LESLIE H. MILLER AND THE VIMY OAKS

Lieutenant Leslie Howard Miller, a soldier with the Canadian Expeditionary Force (3rd Division, Signal Corps) fought at the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Originally from Ontario, Miller was a school teacher in Saskatchewan at the outbreak of war, but left his position to enlist in the fall of 1914. He served from 1914 until his return to Canada in the spring of 1919, mostly in France.

Miller was an ardent naturalist who kept a diary throughout the war in which he spoke of architectural and natural features of the French landscape. Amid the devastation of a war-ravaged countryside, Leslie had the presence of mind to collect acorns from mature oaks. On his return to Canada he planted them at his new farm in Milliken, Ontario (Scarborough). He named the farm 'Vimy Oaks'.

As part of the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, the Vimy Oaks Legacy Corporation repatriated to France acorns from Miller's former farm, to be planted near the Canadian National Vimy Memorial. Descendants of Miller's original oaks continue to be distributed across Canada to select places of commemoration.

This Vimy Memorial Tree was planted June 16, 2017 in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Battle. It is a living memorial to the Canadian soldiers who served in the First World War, and a symbolic connection to perhaps the most widely-known military engagement in Canadian history.

9-12 April, 1917
 + Canadian Divisions
 1 British Division
 170,000 Soldiers
 ~7,000 Wounded
 3,598 Killed

Photos in French and German. Lt. Miller's diary speaks of conversations with French villagers, and interpretations of German prisoners. Miller kept diaries all his life, with entries made in English, French, German and Spanish.

"Should Hate Swine" 1917

VIMY OAKS FARM in 1930s. While Miller returned to Canada in 1919 with the intention of teaching again, illness resulted in a change of plans. With his wife, Mary "Ester" Fraser, he farmed on land given to him by his father. He built a home and outbuildings, cultivated an orchard, and encouraged others to create a community garden on his property. All photos courtesy of the Miller Family.

MILLER'S DIARY 6/24 - JULY 1, 1917
 Our troops took Chât de Meudin and advanced 300 yds. into Lens this morning. The Canadians held most of Arnes town. Fritz is out of it, except a bit of the east side which is in our hands. There has been a continuous rain of heavy artillery all day.

Hamilton 2018

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

McMAHON, David MSM CG: 30 March 2024
 Mr Chelsea, Quebec GH: 19 March 2024
 Founded the Natural Fitness Lab to support the development of athletes of all ages and levels DOI: 28 February 2015
 Awarded: 03 May 2022
 Invested: 21 March 2024

MELOCHE, Lise MSM CG: 30 March 2024
 Ms Chelsea, Quebec GH: 19 March 2024
 Founded the Natural Fitness Lab to support the development of athletes of all ages and levels DOI: 28 February 2015
 Awarded: 03 May 2022
 Invested: 21 March 2024

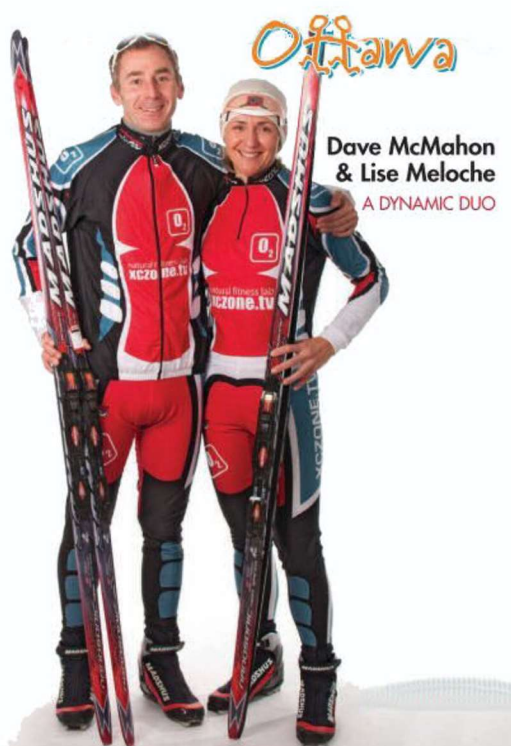
“An inspiration to athletes nationwide, David McMahon and Lise Meloche founded the Natural Fitness Lab, a centre of excellence that supports the development of athletes of all ages and levels. Promoting healthy lifestyles, they offer a comprehensive program to Canadians, based on their experience competing for Canada in multiple sports. Through their love of sport and their desire to share, they strive to develop high-performance athletes who showcase Canada on the world stage.”

Lise Meloche was born in Ottawa in 1960 and began to compete in Alpine Skiing and Sprint Kayaking. She won the junior national championships K2 in 1979. She then became active in cross-country skiing and competed for Canada in 1983. In 1984 Meloche transferred to biathlon and rapidly dominated women's biathlon, not only in North America but on the world scene for nearly eight years. Meloche was the first Canadian to win a world cup gold medal in biathlon.

Meloche was one of the pioneers of women's biathlon. In a career on the national team that spanned from 1983 to 1995, Meloche competed in over 200 World Cups and two Olympics (1992 and 1994). She won four World Cup gold medals, and medaled in seven events. She was overall third in the world in 1986. Her best placing at an Olympics was 17th in Lillehammer. In 2022, Lise won two Gold and two silver medals at the World Masters Cross Country Skiing Championships.

She is a Kinesilogist and educator, and co-wrote the national cross-country skiing manual and coaching certification. She has published multiple books and videos on physical and mental conditioning and skills training. Meloche continues to compete in skiing, trail running, and snowshoeing, and coaches the largest multi-sport program in Canada (Natural Fitness Lab) with her husband, himself a national champion.

Dave McMahon is a 2022 World Masters Cross Country Skiing Champion. He was a Canadian National Biathlon Champion, and Winter Triathlon Champion, ranked 3rd in the World for summer biathlon, and represented Canada at the World Snowshoe Championships and Cross-Country Skiing and Biathlon World Cup Circuit. He represented Canada in 6 sports. Dave is a pro-elite winter triathlete and trail runner. Eastern Canadian Mountain and trail running champion. Dave is a professionally certified coach.



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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

<p>MORISSETTE, Lyne G. Ms Mobilize various stakeholders to protect Quebec's and the world's aquatic ecosystems</p>	<p>MSM Sainte-Luce, Quebec Received: 25 June 2025</p>	<p>CG: 30 March 2024 GH: 25 June 2025 received DOI: 2012 to 2022 Awarded: 03 May 2022</p>
<p>VIGNEUX, Jimmy Beurivage Mr Mobilize various stakeholders to protect Quebec's and the world's aquatic ecosystems</p>	<p>MSM Montréal, Quebec Received: 25 June 2025</p>	<p>CG: 30 March 2024 GH: 26 June 2025 received DOI: 2012 to 2022 Awarded: 03 May 2022</p>

“Lyne Morissette and Jimmy Vigneux joined forces to mobilize various stakeholders to protect Quebec’s and the world’s aquatic ecosystems. Co-founders of the *Mission 10 tonnes* initiative, they first set a goal of removing 10 tonnes of waste from waterways. The goal then grew to 100, then 1 000 tonnes. To date, with the help of dedicated volunteers, over 240 tonnes have been removed from the water. They also present lectures to encourage environmentally responsible habits aimed at reducing the waste resulting from our lifestyles.”

Lyne G. Morissette



Lyne is the CEO of Canada M, a marine science consulting firm offering services of excellence in ecology, impact studies, scientific diving and popularization. M specializes in environmental and oceanographic services including research, fieldwork, and laboratory work, as well as the popularization and communication of science to the general public. We offer solid scientific expertise for targeted problems in order to support the projects applied, while listening to the needs of our clients.

Jimmy Beurivage Vigneux



Jimmy spent over 10 years promoting the economic development and vitality of Hochelaga-Maisonneuve. Thanks to his leadership, the Société de développement commercial, our business development corporation, made a truly remarkable contribution during the pandemic, modelling resilience, being present in our neighbourhoods and organizing creative events ranging from epic scooter races to the Grande Fabrique, the largest outdoor gathering of Quebec artisans.

Jimmy is a father of three and a committed environmentalist. He pushed for businesses to engage in a green transition and founded Mission 1000 tonnes. Mr. Vigneux will keep working with the organization to mobilize people who want to build a more sustainable and environmentally responsible society. As a volunteer, he rallied over 20,000 people to help clean up 240 tonnes of trash from our rivers over the past four years.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

RITSKES, Janne Jantje

MSM
Kemptville, Ontario

CG: 30 March 2024

Ms

GH: 19 March 2024

Tabitha Foundation, a charity that provides clean water, new housing & schools in Cambodia

DOI: 1994

Awarded: 03 May 2022

Invested: 21 March 2024

“In 1994, Janne Ritskes started the Tabitha Foundation, a registered charity that provides clean water, new housing and schools in Cambodia. She launched several initiatives to address the cycle of poverty, including programs on personal and financial development, which have impacted the lives of several million Cambodians. Through the foundation, she has helped restore dignity, hope and self-sufficiency in a population recovering from the brutal Pol Pot era.”

Jannes Ritskes was born on April 22, 1948 in Smilde, Netherland. In 1951, her family immigrated to Canada, and she spent her elementary and high school years in Brockville Ontario, although she never finished grade 12. Jannes worked in the business field until 1975, after which she went to Calvin College in 1976. In 1980, she finished her baccalaureate degree in psychology and sociology with Latin honors, Cum Laude. She has over 40 years of international experience with integrated community development programs. Her work has focused on the poorest of the poor in the slums of the US, Kenya, East Africa, the Philippines, and Cambodia.



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PEIRCE, Hollis Jack Beaumont

MSM
Ottawa, Ontario
Advocating for equality and accessibility for people with a physical disability
Medal Presented 25 June 2025

CG: 30 March 2024

Mr

GH: 23 June 2025

DOI: 2014

Awarded: 03 May 2022

“A role model for people with a physical disability, Hollis Peirce has distinguished himself by his unwavering commitment to advocating for equality and accessibility. He served as president of the Carleton University History Undergraduate Society, co-founded the Ottawa Power Wheelchair Hockey League and worked to improve accessibility to performance sites for Ottawa’s Bluesfest and CityFolk festival. He has broken down barriers to help people with a disability believe in their abilities, pursue a university education and take their rightful place in society.”

Hollis Peirce, 36 (2025), has courageously fought Congenital Muscular Dystrophy for his entire life and even launched a power hockey league for the disabled in Canada. He is a disability rights advocate from Canada who shared his perspective on how political decisions resonate with marginalized communities, especially those with disabilities.



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

ROSEN, Adrienne MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Ms Toronto, Ontario GH: 19 March 2024
Founded the Access Education – Guatemala Children’s Fund DOI: October 2008
Awarded: 03 May 2022
Invested: 21 March 2024

WHITE, Myra MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Ms Toronto, Ontario GH: 19 March 2024
Founded the Access Education – Guatemala Children’s Fund DOI: October 2008
Awarded: 03 May 2022
Invested: 21 March 2024

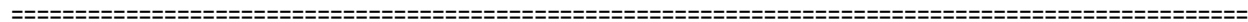
“In 2008, Adrienne Rosen and Myra White founded the Access Education – Guatemala Children’s Fund, a charitable organization creating educational opportunities for children in the region of Coatepeque, Guatemala. With a primary aim of building new schools in the surrounding communities, the group also covers operating costs and finances thousands of scholarships. It has brought hope to residents who now see education as a source of pride and a means of breaking the cycle of poverty.”

Adrienne Rosen is the President and CEO at First International Courier Systems Inc. in Toronto.
Myra White is the Vice-President and CFO at First International Courier Systems Inc in Toronto.



Adrienne Rosen

Myra White



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

ROSS, Grant Michael

Mr – Paramedic

Founding President of the Canadian Paramedic Memorial Foundation

MSM

Maple Ridge, British Columbia

Medal Presented 25 June 2025

CG: 30 March 2024

GH: 23 June 2025

DOI: 2012

Awarded: 03 May 2024

“Retired paramedic Grant Ross is the founding president of the Canadian Paramedic Memorial Foundation, and the founder and chief administrator of the Canadian Paramedic Benevolent Society. He is committed to establishing a national monument to fallen Canadian paramedics, and works tirelessly to provide their surviving family members with financial and educational support.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

SHEA, Robert John

Mr

Head of the Canadian Education and Research Institute for Counselling (Died)

MSM

St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador

CG: Nil

GH: 02 July 2024

DOI: 2004 to 2024

Presented: 15 January 2024



“Robert Shea is an exemplary leader at the helm of the Canadian Education and Research Institute for Counselling, which supports practical and academic career-related research. His dedicated efforts have helped increase the economic and social well-being of Canadians by promoting career development as a priority for the public good.”

The Meritorious Service Medal awarded to the late Dr. Robert Shea was presented to his spouse, Dr. Rhonda Joy (left). He died on 20 May 2024 at the age of 60.

He was appointed as vice-president (Marine Institute) of Memorial University, effective 01 January 2022 for a term of five years, renewable. He continued to sit on the Board of CERIC while holding this position.

Associate Professor Robert John Shea, MSM



Rob was an associate professor in the Faculty of Education at Memorial University, and served as Associate Vice President (Academic and Student Affairs) of the Fisheries and Marine Institute. Rob was the co-lead of Memorial's historic singular generational partnership with Nunavut Arctic College. He provided outstanding service to Memorial University for over 30 years, previously serving as acting Deputy Provost, Associate Vice-President (academic) pro tempore, and Dean pro tempore of the Department of Student Affairs and services.

Rob was a life-long learner with a B.A., B.S.W, M. Ed from Memorial University, and an Ed. D. from the University of Calgary. In his role at the Faculty of Education, Rob was passionate about the education of future adult and post-secondary leaders. His research focused on experiential learning, post-secondary student retention, adult education, and university and college leadership. He believed in his students, the work of the Faculty, and was an enthusiastic supporter.

Rob was active in the community. Rob served as the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Chair of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council. He was received the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General of Canada for his work in career education. He received the Sovereign's Medal for

Volunteers (the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award) for helping to establish the provincial chapter of the Parkinson Foundation of Canada in Newfoundland.

Medals: MSM – Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

AHMED, Sulemaan MSM Awarded: 05 July 2024
Mr Carignan, Quebec GH:
Overhauled the Canadian No Fly List Kids to correct mistakes that included their son on the List DOI: 2019 to 2024

CAJEE, Khadija MSM Awarded: 05 July 2024
Ms Markham, Ontario GH:
Overhauled the Canadian No Fly List Kids to correct mistakes that included their son on the List DOI: 2019 to 2024

“Sulemaan Ahmed and Khadija Cajee led the establishment of No Fly List Kids after their son was mistakenly identified as an airport security threat. Over five years, they successfully mobilized an overhaul of Canada’s Passenger Protection Program, safeguarding the rights of thousands of innocent Canadians who faced similar wrongful profiling.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

**NOTE: Only Robert Matthew LEAVITT is a CANADIAN in this Entry
Margaret Apt and David A. Francis are American Citizens**

APT, Margaret Ms. Founder and Executive Director of Moving Hope specializing in Housing Affordability	MSM Pleasant Point, Perry, USA	Awarded: 15 January 2024 GH: DOI: 2008
FRANCIS, David Anthony Mr. Founder and Executive Director of Moving Hope specializing in Housing Affordability	MSM Pleasant Point, Perry, USA (Died)	Awarded: 15 January 2024 GH: DOI: 2008
LEAVITT, Robert Matthew Mr. Founder and Executive Director of Moving Hope specializing in Housing Affordability	MSM Dufferin, New Brunswick	Awarded: 15 January 2024 GH: DOI: 2008

“Margaret Apt, Robert Leavitt and the late David A. Francis created the Passamaquoddy-Maliseet Dictionary to preserve the traditional endangered language of the Peskotomuhkati and Wolastoqewi people. Published in 2008, the dictionary and its online portal showcase the team’s perseverance in safeguarding Indigenous language and culture in eastern Maine and New Brunswick.”

Professor Emeritus Robert Matthew Leavitt, University of New Brunswick

He is the author of the Passamaquoddy-Maliseet Dictionary at pmportal.org . Research on this language, translation.
He was a Professor at the University of New Brunswick in the Education Faculty and the Director of Mi’kmaq-Maliseet Institute.

“It is possible to provide culturally appropriate education for native Canadian Indian and Inuit children within the framework of the European schooling model by finding a balance between building on the children’s native experiences and taking from English language and pedagogy what they can use appropriately in their own culture.”

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

ARAGUTAK, Alicia	MSM	Awarded: 15 January 2024
Ms	Kuujuuaq, Quebec	GH: 25 June 2025 received
Founder and First President of Qarjuit Youth Council to Preserve Inuit Culture		DOI: September 2015
		Invested: 08 May 2024

“Alicia Aragutak is the founder and first president of the Qarjuit Youth Council, a non-profit organization that provides youth in Nunavik and Chisasibi with programs that promote Inuit culture, traditional and modern educational opportunities, and personal well-being. The council also encourages young Inuit to get involved by sharing their concerns and priorities with various levels of government throughout the Arctic and Canada.”

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BARNES, Gary Charles	MSM	Awarded: 25 June 2025
Firefighter – Gatineau Fire Department	Gatineau, Quebec	GH: 25 June 2025 received
One of the founders of the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation		DOI: 28 May 2003
		Invested: 25 June 2020

BROOKS, William C.	MSM	Awarded: 06 March 2021
Firefighter – Bytown Fire Brigade, Ottawa	Lunenburg, Nova Scotia	GH: 25 June 2025 received
One of the founders of the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation		DOI: 28 May 2003
		Invested: 04 July 2023 by LG NS

POTVIN, Georges Edward	MSM	Awarded: 06 March 2021
Firefighter – Gatineau Fire Department	Gatineau, Quebec	GH: 25 June 2025 received
One of the founders of the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation		DOI: 28 May 2003
		Invested: 25 June 2020

WILLIAMS, William (“Bill”) Frederick George	MSM	CG: 06 March 2021
Firefighter – Bytown Fire Brigade, Ottawa	Greely, Ontario	GH: 25 June 2025 received
One of the founders of the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation		DOI: 28 May 2003
		Invested: 25 June 2020

“Gary Barnes, Will Brooks, Georges Potvin, and Bill Williams founded the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to honouring all Canadian firefighters who have died in the line of duty. Since its launch in 2003, the group has established an annual memorial ceremony and erected a national monument in Ottawa to highlight the important role that the profession plays in keeping Canadians safe. Through support programs, bursaries and scholarships for surviving families, the foundation fosters a network of support within the firefighting community. The Foundation also encourages and supports all efforts to make firefighters physically and mentally well.”

Gary Barnes was the first Vice-President of the foundation.
Georges Potvin was one of the first Board Members of the Foundation.
Bill Williams was the first Editor of the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation annual reports.
Will Brooks was the first President of the foundation which was incorporated on 28 May 2003.
William Brooks medals: MSM (civil) – EIRR Diamond Jubilee – KCIII Coronation Medal - EIRR Platinum Jubilee (NS)



William Brooks, MSM

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BARNES, Karen Elaine

President – Yukon University (YukonU)
Advocate for Education Development in Indigenous communities

MSM
Cheminus, BC

Awarded: 15 January 2024
GH:
DOI: 2011 to 2020



“Karen Barnes is an advocate for education development in Indigenous communities. During her tenure at Yukon College, she brought together representatives from the community, government and Indigenous groups to transition this post-secondary institution from a college to a university. It is now Canada’s first northern university above the 60th parallel.”

Yukon University founding president and vice chancellor, Dr. Karen Barnes, has been honoured with the title *president emerita* by the YukonU Board of Governors. The designation recognizes the outstanding contributions of retired presidents to the University and to the community, including demonstrated excellence, distinguished service, and effective leadership beyond normal expectations.

“Honouring Dr. Barnes with this significant title is a wonderful and fitting way for Yukon University to remain connected with our founding president as she continues to impact learning and research across the North,” said David Morrison, chair of the Yukon University Board of Governors.

“I am deeply grateful and humbled by this honor by the Board of Governors. I am extremely proud to continue a connection with Yukon University as it fulfills its potential as a critical component of the north’s future development,” said Dr. Barnes.

As president emerita, Dr. Barnes can use the designation publicly in connection with academic and community endeavours and officially participate in YukonU convocation ceremonies and other university events.

Dr. Barnes is the first president emerita of Yukon University. Several retired faculty and deans hold the honorific title *professor emerita/emeritus*. There is no remuneration connected to the title. Recipients are not required to serve the University but may choose to do so at their own discretion.

Next month, Dr. Barnes will receive a Distinguished Alumni award from the University of Alberta. In November, Dr. Barnes was appointed to the board of Polar Knowledge Canada by the Government of Canada. She is chair of the expert panel on High-Throughput Networks for Rural and Remote Communities with the Canadian Council of Academies, a board member of the University of the Arctic and a member of the selection committees for the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation Scholars, Mentors and Fellows.

Dr. Barnes served as president and vice chancellor from 2011 to 2020, leading the transition of Yukon College to Yukon University. She is a founding member of 100 Women Who Care - Whitehorse.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BELLEMARE, Daniel A.

Mr

Served as Chief Prosecutor for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon assassination of Lebanese PM

MSM* (BAR)

Ottawa, Ontario

Awarded: 30 July 2024

GH:

DOI: 2009 to 2012

Invested:

“From 2009 to 2012, Daniel A. Bellemare served as chief prosecutor for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, tasked with investigating the assassination of Lebanese prime minister Rafic Hariri. His efforts were instrumental in reorienting the investigation, notably by drafting the Tribunal’s first indictment.”



Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 18 October 2003 in his capacity as Assistant Deputy Attorney General of Canada in the creation of the International Association of Prosecutors.

Medals: KStJ - MSM and Bar – EIRR Golden Jubilee

Awarded **Knight of the Order of St. John (KStJ)** in 2004.

CStJ – 1999

OStJ – 1994

MStJ - 1993

Bellemare holds a law degree from the University of Ottawa and completed a Master of Law at the University of Montreal. He was called to the bar in the province of Quebec in 1976. He has served in various Canadian government positions, including Deputy Attorney General and Special Adviser to the Deputy Minister of Justice. He is also the longest-serving head of the Federal Prosecution Service in Canadian history. He was appointed a Queen’s Counsel (QC) – now a King’s Counsel (KC).

BJORGAN, Steffanie

Mrs

founded Red Roof Retreat offering high-quality and accessible recreational services & respite care

MSM

Niagara on the Lake, Ontario

Awarded: 11 July 2024

GH:

DOI: 2001

Invested:



“Steffanie Bjorgan founded Red Roof Retreat in 2001, a charitable organization offering high-quality and accessible recreational services and respite care to children and adults with special needs. Today, the foundation helps more than 200 families in the Niagara-on-the-Lake area.”

Ward Simpson, Christa Rawsthorne and Steffanie Bjorgan of Red Roof Retreat-rotary

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BULLOCK, Christopher Ronald

Mr

Driving Force Formulating a Military Assessment to support Five-Eyes alliance Defence Strategies DOI: 2018

MSM

Almonte, Ontario

Received MSM: 25 June 2025

Awarded: 03 July 2024

GH: 25 June 2025 received

“Christopher Bullock was the driving force in formulating a military assessment to support Five-Eyes alliance defence strategies in 2018. His work provided the alliance with detailed explanations of external threats and innovative mitigation strategies. As a result, he showcased Canada’s defence leadership, capabilities, and contribution to our allies.

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BUMBA, Stéphanie

Mrs – Nurse Clinician

Web series Ces afro-scientifiques d’hier à aujourd’hui brings Stories of People of African Descent

MSM

Laval, Quebec

Received MSM: 25 June 2025

Awarded: 04 July 2024

GH: 25 June 2025 received

DOI: August 2020

“Through her educational web series Ces afro-scientifiques d’hier à aujourd’hui, nurse clinician Stephanie Bumba brings to life the stories of people of African descent who have left their mark on the health sciences. Her remarkable initiative showcases role models for young people from ethnic minorities who aspire to become scientists.”



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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

CAMERON, David Allan

Mr
Established Veterans Voices of Canada to pay tribute to Canadian Veterans
Invested:

MSM
Sylvan Lake, Alberta

Awarded: 03 July 2024
GH:
DOI: 2014



“Al Cameron established Veterans Voices of Canada to pay tribute to Canadian veterans, both past and present. The organization captures the invaluable stories of numerous individuals who have selflessly served the country through documented interviews, a dedicated learning centre and tributes such as Flags of Remembrance.”

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CLAENER, Michael Edward

Mr
President of the Glaucoma Research Society of Canada

MSM
Queensville, Ontario

Awarded: 03 July 2024
GH:
DOI: 2014
Invested:

“Michael Claener has demonstrated exemplary leadership as president of the Glaucoma Research Society of Canada. Over the span of 10 years, he helped expand the non-profit organization to a national level, allowing the Society to raise millions of dollars to support research into the causes, prevention and treatment of glaucoma.

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COHEN, M.M. Lee

Mr – Immigration Lawyer
Established the Halifax Refugee Clinic,

ONS MSM
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Awarded: 11 July 2024
GH:
DOI: 2000
Invested:



“Lee Cohen established the Halifax Refugee Clinic, where he and his team provide free legal services to individuals seeking refugee and humanitarian immigration status, while ensuring their legal rights are respected throughout the process. He also engages with organizations on immigration law and settlement, reshaping public perception of newcomers in Canada.”

Medals: ONS – MSM – EIIR Platinum Jubilee (NS)

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

CROCKER, Elizabeth Jane	MSM	Awarded: 05 July 2024
Ms	East Chester, Nova Scotia	GH:
Founded the Discovery Centre to inspires curiosity and understanding of science and technology		DOI:1984

GOLDBLOOM, Richard Ballon	OC ONS MSM	Awarded: 05 July 2024
Dr	Halifax, Nova Scotia (Deceased)	GH:
Founded the Discovery Centre to inspires curiosity and understanding of science and technology		DOI: 1985

STROINK, Gerhard Willem	MSM	Awarded: 05 July 2024
Mr	Halifax, Nova Scotia	GH:
Founded the Discovery Centre to inspires curiosity and understanding of science and technology		DOI: 1085

“In 1985, Elizabeth Crocker, Gerhard Stroink and the late Richard Goldbloom founded the Discovery Centre, a non-profit organization that inspires curiosity and understanding of science and technology for all ages. The trio’s contributions were crucial to the success of Atlantic Canada’s premier interactive science centre.

Dr. Richard Goldbloom, OC, ONS, MSM

Dr. Richard Goldbloom received the **Order of Nova Scotia (ONS)** in 2015.
Dr. Richard Goldbloom received the **Officer of the Order of Canada (OC)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 17 October 1987.

Dr. Richard Goldbloom’s Medals: OC – ONS – MSM – EIIR Golden Jubilee

He was the 5th Chancellor of Dalhousie University.
He was the Head of Pediatrics at Dalhousie University.
He died on 18 November 2021.



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

GARRETT, Warren Gordon

MSM

Awarded: 03 July 2024

Mr

Toronto, Ontario

GH:

Leader of *Ontario Presents*, a network dedicated to supporting the Ontario Performing arts sector

DOI: 2003

“For over twenty years, Warren Garrett was an outstanding leader of Ontario Presents, a network dedicated to supporting the performing arts sector within the province. As the Executive Director, he played a pivotal role in uniting art professionals to uphold a collaborative and inclusive environment for the performing arts.”

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GRASS, Gayle Dorothy

MSM

Awarded: 03 July 2024

Madam

Perth, Ontario

GH:

Founded *Iris the Dragon*, an organization focused on improving mental health literacy

DOI: 2001



“Gayle Grass founded *Iris the Dragon* in 2001, an organization focused on improving mental health literacy and reducing the stigma associated with mental illness. Through the power of storytelling, the program has contributed to the social inclusion of both children and adults living with mental health conditions.”

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

GUTTA, Charles J.

Sergeant – Canadian Hussars

Compensation and Medical Support for individuals affected by the grenade explosion at Valcartier

MMM MSM CD

Gatineau, Quebec

Awarded 25 June 2025

Awarded: 04 July 2024

GH: 23 June 2025

DOI: 1974

“Charles Gutta fought for compensation and medical support for individuals affected by the grenade explosion at Valcartier in 1974. More than 45 years after the incident, his efforts and determination facilitated the implementation of a program by the Minister of National Defense that greatly contributed to the healing process of the victims.”



Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 23 June 1984 in the rank of Sergeant.

For Charles Gutta, the release of the military ombudsman’s report into the fatal explosion at CFB Valcartier’s cadet summer camp 41 years ago marked the end of a long, personal mission.

Gutta, a sergeant in the regular army, was in overall charge of the cadet camp on July 30, 1974, and had left the 156 cadets in the care of munitions specialists who were teaching the teenage boys how to identify various explosives.

After assurances that a grenade was harmless, a cadet pulled the pin. Six died and 65 others were injured — many permanently. A few fought for, and got, limited compensation, but most didn’t.

“I was always told, from the time I was a trooper until the rank of sergeant, that if anything happens to you, the army will take care of you,” Gutta, 76, told the Citizen shortly after reading Ombudsman Gary Walbourne’s report.

“When this tragedy happened,” he added, “I thought, ‘I’m not worried, I will be cared for and the cadets will be cared for and life carries on.’ But 34 years later, in 2008, I discovered that nothing had been done for these kids.

“So, I started listening to their stories on social media and that’s what got me going. I thought, ‘I have to do something about this.’” “Inexcusable” is how Walbourne described the Canadian Forces’ treatment of the injured cadets and their families

And in his report, the ombudsman urged the Department of National Defence to correct the injustice and give survivors the medical and financial care they deserve but have, for four decades, been denied.

From the Ottawa Citizen 29 July 2015.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

IVES, Nicole Lamb MSM Awarded: 11 July 2024
Professor Montréal, Quebec GH:
Champion for the inclusion of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students in Social Work Education DOI: 2007

“Nicole Ives is a champion for the inclusion of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students in social work education. She co-founded Indigenous Access McGill in 2007, to support Indigenous students from recruitment to graduation. She also successfully lobbied to make First People and Social Work a mandatory course for undergraduates.”

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LAZARECK, Karyn Lynn MSM Awarded: 11 July 2024
Ms Winnipeg, Manitoba GH:
Gaining Resources Our Way to provide programs for young adults with intellectual disabilities DOI: 2002

“Karyn Lazareck established Gaining Resources Our Way in 2002, to provide a program for young adults with social and intellectual disabilities. This comprehensive program helps individuals develop life management skills and healthy living habits, and reinforces their social, recreational and vocational capabilities to enhance their overall independence and well-being.”

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McMILLAN, Nancy Iona MSM Awarded: 05 July 2024
Ms Grimsby, Ontario GH:
Dedicated volunteer leader of *BRIGHT Run*, a fundraising event for breast cancer research DOI: 2008

“Nancy McMillan is the dedicated volunteer leader of BRIGHT Run, a fundraising event for breast cancer research in the Greater Hamilton Area. Her exceptional leadership has led to the remarkable achievement of raising millions of dollars, significantly increasing awareness for this vital cause, and fostering a sense of unity within the community.”



Nancy McMillan is a retired banking professional, having spent 33 years in branch and private banking. She is also a breast cancer survivor, graduating from what she calls the Juravinski Cancer Centre breast cancer survivor (BCS) program in 2008.

Nancy has participated in every BRIGHT Run since the first one in 2008. Her team, McMillan’s Madcaps, is consistently one of the top-ranked fundraising teams.

As the BRIGHT Run’s event chair, Nancy is a whirlwind of activity and ideas. She works hard to make the BRIGHT Run the best experience it can be for participants, volunteers and community partners.

In 2013, Nancy was named a Hamilton Woman of Distinction in recognition of her volunteer involvement with the BRIGHT Run.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

MIZZONI, Andrew

MSM

Awarded: 03 July 2024

Mr

Richmond Hill, Ontario

GH:

Raised over \$600,000 for pediatric research & cancer care following the SIDS death of his daughter DOI: 2002

“A philanthropist and childhood cancer survivor, Andrew Mizzoni has raised over \$600,000 for pediatric research and cancer care. Despite facing hardships, including the tragic loss of his daughter, Gigi, to *Sudden Infant Death Syndrome*, he continues to persevere, inspires others and remains committed to improving the lives of children in need.”



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NEUFELD, Joy Anne

MSM

Awarded: 02 July 2024

Ms

Steinbach, Manitoba

GH:

Opened *Soup's On* offering meals to members of the community twice a week & School Lunches DOI: 2004

“In 2004, Joy Neufeld opened *Soup's On*, the first soup kitchen in Steinbach, Manitoba. For two decades, she offered hot meals to members of the community twice a week and provided school lunches to ensure hundreds of children had the nourishment they needed to grow and learn.”



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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

PANDHER, Gurdeep Singh

MSM
Whitehorse, Yukon

Awarded: 03 July 2024
GH:

Mr
Bhangra artist and educator harnesses the power of social media & community events to spread joy DOI: 2016



“Bhangra artist and educator, Gurdeep Pandher harnesses the power of social media and community events to spread joy, hope and champion inclusion through dance. His dance videos, set against the backdrop of Canada’s beautiful natural landscapes, have sparked conversations about community well-being and diversity, reaching millions of viewers worldwide.”

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PRIORIELLO, Liberato (“Lee”)

MSM
Toronto, Ontario

Awarded: 03 July 2024
GH:

Mr
Started Youth Bocce Canada to create an inclusive and safe environment for people with disabilities DOI: 1994



“Lee Prioriello established Youth Bocce Canada to create an inclusive and safe environment for people with disabilities to engage in sports in the Greater Toronto Area. Today, the organization has become an integral part of the community, supporting over 400 athletes yearly and participating in tournaments around the world.”

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PROCTER, Paige Pearl-Anne

MSM
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Awarded: 25 July 2024
GH:

Ms
Created *Coffeehouse to End Cancer* aimed at raising funds for the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation DOI: 2011

“At sixteen years old, Paige Procter created *Coffeehouse to End Cancer*, a charity concert aimed at raising funds for the CancerCare Manitoba Foundation. Over a decade later, the concert has successfully raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, while also offering a stage for young performers from Manitoba’s Interlake Region to showcase their talent.”

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

SEARS, Robert MSM Awarded: 09 July 2024
Mr St Hubert, Quebec GH:
Founded *Kurling for Kids*, annual tournament to raise funds Montreal Children’s Hospital foundation DOI: 1999

“In 1999, Robert Sears founded Kurling for Kids. This charity hosts an annual Tournament to raise funds for the CHU Sainte-Justine and Montreal Children’s Hospital foundations. Through his dedication and strong leadership, they successfully raised more than \$5 million in donations over the past 25 years through various fundraising activities.”

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STAUBI, William H.W. MSM Awarded: 03 July 2024
Mr Ottawa, Ontario GH: 23 June 2025
Founded *Kurling for Kids*, annual tournament to raise funds Montreal Children’s Hospital foundation DOI: 1999
Medal Presented 25 June 2025

“Bill Staubi has given his time and his personal collection to promote 2SLGBTQIA+ art, particularly to the Ottawa Art Gallery, the City of Ottawa Public Art Collection, the Ottawa Arts Council, and Western University’s Pride Library. His continuous commitment has made queer art more accessible to his community and beyond.”

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STIRRETT, Scott Alphonse MSM Awarded: 03 July 2024
Mr Toronto, Ontario GH:
Founded *Venture for Canada*, Training Young Canadians who are matched with new start-ups DOI: 2013

“In 2013, Scott Stirrett founded Venture for Canada, an innovative charity focused on recruiting and training young Canadians, matching them with new start-ups, and helping them develop entrepreneurial skills. Through the Fellowship program, recent graduates gain experience that prepares them for successful careers.”

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VINET, Sylvain MSM Awarded: 23 July 2024
Mr Boucherville, Quebec GH:
Head of the Tour CIBC Charles-Bruneau lead growth in funds raised for pediatric oncology research DOI: 2009

“As head of the Tour CIBC Charles-Bruneau for 15 years, Sylvain Vinet oversaw an extraordinary growth in funds raised for pediatric oncology research in Quebec. Thanks to his dedication, this fundraising initiative has raised over \$40 million to provide quality care to children with cancer across the province.”

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

WOOD, John William

Mr

Founded *John Wood Foundation* Offer financial assistance to individuals with disabilities

MSM

Oromocto, New Brunswick

Awarded: 09 July 2024

GH:

DOI: 2012

“In 2012, John Wood established the John Wood Foundation, a non-profit organization that offers financial assistance to individuals with intellectual or physical disabilities. Committed to making a difference, he raises funds to help others cover the costs associated with the treatment and management of their disabilities.”

GAUTHIER, Sandra

Madam

Created the *Smarter Seafood program* to promote sound management of marine resources

MSM

Sainte-Anne-des-Monts, Quebec

Awarded: 08 August 2024

GH:

DOI: 2009



“Sandra Gauthier created the Smarter Seafood program to promote sound management of marine resources and encourage Quebec businesses to offer lesser-known products from among the many edible species found in the St. Lawrence to help ensure sustainable development and protect biodiversity.”

KAVANAGH, Paul Karl

Dr.

Created *Operation Veteran* free meals to all Cdn Veterans who visit the Canadian War Museum
Medal presented 25 June 2025

MSM

Laval, Quebec

Awarded: 13 August 2024

GH: 23 June 2025

DOI: 2009



“In 2009, Paul Kavanagh, in association with the Canadian War Museum, created Operation Veteran. This program offers meals to all Canadian veterans who visit the Museum, and engages students and teachers across the country in educational and fundraising activities. His initiative pays tribute to the individuals who have served our nation.”

Dr. Paul Kavanagh is a Periodontist in Laval, Quebec.

Medals: MSM – EIR Diamond Jubilee

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

LANDRY, Yves

Mr

Founded *Le Grand Tour de Roue Yves Landry* to help fund pediatric hematology-oncology research

MSM

Québec, Quebec

Awarded: 09 August 2024

GH:

DOI: 2004

“Yves Landry founded *Le Grand Tour de Roue Yves Landry* to help fund pediatric hematology-oncology research and treatments for children with cancer. Thanks to his contributions, the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Québec is able to offer patients state-of-the-art or experimental care not covered by the Régie de l’assurance maladie du Québec.”

PARROT, Maxence

Mr

Gold Medalist at 2022 Winter Olympics after completing his Chemotherapy for Hodgkin Lymphoma

MSM

Bromont, Quebec

Awarded: 13 August 2024

GH:

DOI: 2018

“Olympic medallist Maxence Parrot is a model of courage and perseverance. After being diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma in 2018, he returned to the slopes soon after completing his chemotherapy treatments. He then became the spokesperson for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada to raise funds for research and support services.”

Snowboard Slopestyle event – Gold at 2022 Beijing Olympics
Snowboard Big Air event – Bronze at 2022 Beijing Olympics
Snowboard Slopestyle event – Silver at 2018 South Korea Olympics



SCHEIBLER, Alexandra

Ms

Founder and Artistic Director of the *Festival Bach Montréal*

MSM

Montréal, Quebec

Awarded: 16 August 2024

GH:

DOI: 2005

“Alexandra Scheibler is the founder and artistic director of the Festival Bach Montréal, the premier destination for North American music lovers to experience the timeless musical genius of Johann Sebastian Bach. By sharing his legacy, the festival gives students, professionals and the general public the opportunity to explore Bach’s music through concerts and events.”



MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Civil) - CITATIONS

BRUNET, Linda Christianne

Ms

Director general of Encounters with Canada – Transition to Historica Foundation

MSM

Ottawa, Ontario

Received 25 June 2025

CG: 30 March 2024

GH: 25 June 2025 received

DOI: 2005

“As director general of Encounters with Canada, Linda Brunet impacted the lives of more than 60 000 young people from across Canada throughout her career. With her team of volunteers, she ensured the success of countless events and fundraisers, and facilitated the program’s transition to the Historica Foundation in 2005.”

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**Recipients of the Meritorious Service Medal (Civil Division)
Received 25 June 2025**

Carol T. Banducci, M.S.M.

Toronto, Ontario

In 2016, Carol Banducci created the Miner's Lamp Innovation Fund, a partnership between the IAMGOLD Corporation and the University of Toronto's Department of Psychiatry. This charitable program supports research into the early detection of mental illness, and has raised more than \$4 million to date.

Gary Charles Barnes, M.S.M.

Gatineau, Quebec

Gary Barnes, Will Brooks, Georges Potvin, and Bill Williams founded the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to honouring all Canadian firefighters who have died in the line of duty. Since its launch in 2003, the group has established an annual memorial ceremony and erected a national monument in Ottawa to highlight the important role that the profession plays in keeping Canadians safe. Through support programs, bursaries and scholarships for surviving families, the foundation fosters a network of support within the firefighting community. The Foundation also encourages and supports all efforts to make firefighters physically and mentally well.

Jimmy Beaurivage Vigneux, M.S.M.

Montréal, Quebec

Lyne Morissette, M.S.M.

Sainte-Luce, Quebec

Lyne Morissette and Jimmy Beaurivage Vigneux joined forces to mobilize various stakeholders to protect Quebec's and the world's aquatic ecosystems. Co-founders of the Mission 10 tonnes initiative, they first set a goal of removing 10 tonnes of waste from waterways. The goal then grew to 100, then 1 000 tonnes. To date, with the help of dedicated volunteers, over 240 tonnes of waste have been removed from the water. They also present lectures to encourage environmentally responsible habits aimed at reducing the waste resulting from our lifestyles.

Trevor Bell, M.S.M.

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

Scientist Trevor Bell is working with Indigenous communities to ensure safer travel in northern Canada by monitoring ice conditions. He is the founder of SmartICE, an Indigenous-led social enterprise that empowers communities to record sea, lake and river ice conditions by combining traditional knowledge with state-of-the-art ice monitoring and mapping.

Navdeep Singh Bhatia, M.S.M.

Toronto, Ontario

Toronto Raptors super fan Nav Bhatia created the Nav Bhatia Superfan Foundation to build basketball courts and host camps for kids from low-income communities. The foundation also donates sports equipment to schools in Toronto, and has raised tens of thousands of dollars for World Vision Canada's Daughters of India project.

Joely BigEagle-Kequahtoway, M.S.M.

Lorne Kequahtoway, M.S.M.

Regina, Saskatchewan

Joely BigEagle-Kequahtoway and Lorne Kequahtoway founded the Buffalo People Arts Institute in 2015. Through traditional arts and buffalo hide workshops, they have shed light on the history of a once-thriving species that contributed to the formation of North America and continues to hold tremendous importance in the lives of Indigenous peoples.

Linda Christianne Brunet, M.S.M.

Ottawa, Ontario

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Christopher Ronald Bullock, M.S.M.

Almonte, Ontario

Christopher Bullock was the driving force in formulating a military assessment to support Five-Eyes alliance defence strategies in 2018. His work provided the alliance with detailed explanations of external threats and innovative mitigation strategies. As a result, he showcased Canada's defence leadership, capabilities and contributions to our allies.

Stephanie Bumba, M.S.M.

Laval, Quebec

Through her educational web series *Ces afro-scientifiques d'hier à aujourd'hui*, nurse clinician Stephanie Bumba brings to life the stories of people of African descent who have left their mark on the health sciences. Her remarkable initiative showcases role models for young, racialized people who aspire to become scientists.

Martin Carli, M.S.M.

Montréal, Quebec

Science popularizer and co-host of the television show *Génial!*, Martin Carli has made it his mission to demystify science and make it widely accessible. A sought-after speaker and presenter, he has made science an attractive field of study for young people through such events as "Les filles et les sciences, un duo électrisant!," the Eurêka! Festival, and the Expo-Sciences Hydro-Québec. His ability to deliver a range of science content in a captivating and entertaining way has inspired many to pursue a science career.

Diane Lee Clemons, M.S.M.

Michael Clemons, O.Ont., M.S.M.

Mississauga, Ontario

Diane Clemons and Michael "Pinball" Clemons are the driving force behind the Pinball Clemons Foundation, which empowers youth through education. By partnering with charities in the Toronto area and in developing countries, the organization provides financial assistance to students in need and mentoring programs to help them transition into the workforce. The couple's personal involvement and infectious enthusiasm inspire many participants to succeed in moving from the margins to the mainstream.

Marie-France Dubreuil, M.S.M.

Patrice Lauzon, M.S.M.

Montréal, Quebec

By creating the Regroupement élite de patinage artistique de Montréal in 2010, and the Ice Academy of Montréal, Marie-France Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon have influenced the development of the best ice dancers in Canada and the world. As coaches and choreographers, they have fine-tuned the style and programs of several skating pairs, guiding them to the very top of the Olympic podium. Since then, dozens of skaters from all over the world have converged on Montréal to perfect their art.

Shreya Gutta, M.S.M.

North York, Ontario

Shreya Gupta was 11 when she published *Flamingo Feet* in 2020. This story of a young girl who stands up to bullies is one Shreya needed herself when she was being bullied. She donates the proceeds from her book to various organizations, including one that supports schoolgirls in India.

Sergeant Charles Gutta, M.M.M., M.S.M., C.D. (retired)

Gatineau, Quebec

Charles Gutta fought for compensation and medical support for individuals affected by the grenade explosion at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier in 1974. More than 45 years after the incident, his efforts and determination facilitated the implementation of a program by the minister of National Defence that greatly contributed to the healing process of the victims.

Malcom John Jenkins, S.O.M., M.S.M.

Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Malcom Jenkins never hesitates to lend a hand. As the Canadian Tire dealer in Prince Albert, he proudly supports the company's Jumpstart Foundation. Over the course of his career, he has hosted fundraisers at his store and donated millions of dollars to build inclusive playgrounds, recreation spaces, hospitals and community centres.

Paul Karl Kavanagh, M.S.M.

Laval, Quebec

In 2009, Paul Kavanagh, in association with the Canadian War Museum, created Operation Veteran. This program offers meals to all Canadian veterans who visit the museum, and engages students and teachers across the country in educational and fundraising activities. His initiative pays tribute to the individuals who have served our nation.

Constable Ronald Alexander Lewis, M.S.M.

Almonte, Ontario

In December 2019, Alex Lewis developed an innovative teddy bear program while working with the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service in Fort Severn First Nation. Police officers are given teddy bears to hand out to children in potentially distressing and traumatic situations, as a means of offering comfort and establishing trust.

Wanda Elizabeth Lynch, M.S.M.

Goulds, Newfoundland and Labrador

For over 40 years, Wanda Lynch has been the co-director of the Signal Hill Tattoo. She introduced a First World War component to the long-standing show, which required extensive planning to ensure its accuracy. Her efforts boosted attendance and helped visitors learn more about the Royal Newfoundland Regiment's contributions to the war effort.

Hollis Peirce, M.S.M.

Ottawa, Ontario

A role model for people with a physical disability, Hollis Peirce has distinguished himself by his unwavering commitment to advocating for equality and accessibility. He served as president of the Carleton University History Undergraduate Society, co-founded the Ottawa Power Wheelchair Hockey League and worked to improve accessibility at performance sites for Ottawa's Bluesfest and CityFolk festivals. He has broken down barriers to help people with a disability believe in their abilities, pursue a university education and take their rightful place in society.

Grant Ross, M.S.M.

Maple Ridge, British Columbia

Retired paramedic Grant Ross is the founding president of the Canadian Paramedic Memorial Foundation, and the founder and chief administrator of the Canadian Paramedic Benevolent Society. He is committed to establishing a national monument to fallen Canadian paramedics, and works tirelessly to provide their surviving family members with financial and educational support.

Christopher Southin, M.S.M.

Harry J. Stewart, M.S.M.

Thessalon, Ontario

Christopher Southin and Harry Stewart founded Rainbow Camp® to give 2SLGBTQI+ and allied youth a safe place to have fun and explore emerging identities. Driven by their desire to promote greater inclusivity and acceptance in society, the pair has provided a unique camp experience to a growing number of attendees over the years, offering them a wealth of new resources, validation and increased self-confidence.

William H. W. Staubi, M.S.M.

Ottawa, Ontario

Bill Staubi has given his time and his personal collection to promote 2SLGBTQI+ art, particularly to the Ottawa Art Gallery, the City of Ottawa Public Art Collection, the Ottawa Arts Council, and Western University's Pride Library. His continuous commitment has made queer art more accessible to his community and beyond.