

Congratulations

to the recipients of the

2014

Premier's Awards

FOR OUTSTANDING COLLEGE GRADUATES

There were **114 exceptional graduates** from Ontario's 24 public colleges nominated for this important award, which recognizes their achievements in Canada and throughout the world.

Winners:



Candice Ekonomakos
Recent Graduate
Humber College

Candice Ekonomakos is using her culinary gifts to fight hunger and poverty in Toronto. She established Cooks with a Mission, which invites junior chefs and established cooks to donate food, equipment and time to community kitchens. Currently employed at the prestigious Ritz-Carlton restaurant, she has spoken nationally and internationally about her efforts to help others.



James Forbes
Technology
Sheridan College

James Forbes is an award-winning expert in railcar design who has improved the safety and productivity of railway freight cars in North America. He has more than 100 patents in the U.S. and Canada. He recently co-invented a railroad car with steering that works like a pendulum and has the flexibility to respond to rails that aren't always even or perfectly parallel.



Tibor Madjar
Creative Arts and Design
Sheridan College

Tibor Madjar played a leading role in devising Mudbox – 3D sculpting software that has created complex visual effects for Oscar-winning films such as King Kong, Avatar, Life of Pi, and The Curious Case of Benjamin Button. Madjar received a 2014 Academy Award for developing the software, which dramatically reduces the amount of time and money it takes to produce complex visual effects.



Chief Georjann Morriseau
Recent Graduate
Confederation College

Chief Georjann Morriseau was instrumental in formalizing the governance development network that helps First Nation communities across Ontario with governance strategic planning. In April 2013, she became the youngest person to be elected chief of Fort William First Nation. She was elected as chief after sitting one term as a councillor.



Capt. (RCN) Rebecca Patterson
Health Sciences
Niagara College

A decorated officer, she commands all military medical units from northern Ontario to British Columbia and the Arctic. She oversaw the care for the Canadian Forces' ill and injured during conflicts in the Persian Gulf, Croatia, Bosnia and Rwanda. She also led the multinational team that designed a military medical education system for Afghanistan.



Peter van Stralen
Business
Humber College

Starting out 25 years ago with just a lawn mower and a trailer, Peter van Stralen is now the CEO of a multi-million-dollar landscape franchise brand that has 180 locations across Canada and the United States. He is regularly invited to speak about leadership and personal and professional growth, and is the author of a book on leadership principles that can help businesses transform their cultures.



Jessica Lynn Whitbread
Community Services
George Brown College

Jessica Whitbread is a passionate advocate for the rights of women living with HIV. As global director of the International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW), she has managed the organization's transfer to Nairobi. She was the youngest and first queer woman to be elected as ICW's chair and founded its first international chapter for young women, adolescents and girls.

Nominees:

Algonquin College
CAT BARON
TRENT CORREY
FRANK DEMIZIO
ELI FATHI
SHAWN HICKEY
JERRY POPOWICH

Collège Boréal
VALÉRIE BREEN
FRÉDÉRIC ST-ONGE

Cambrian College
KRISTI HADDAD

Canadore College
WENDY ABDALLAH
JORDAN PRESSEAU
JACQUES SEGUIN

Centennial College
LAURA ARNDT
PIOTR MIERZEJEWSKI
SERGEI PETROV
CHAITANYA PETTUKOLA
DOMENIC SERAFINO
ROBERT THERIAULT

Conestoga College
JANE HAMILTON WILSON
JON HUDDLE
TAYLOR JONES
STEVE MAI
NATASHA MAXWELL

Confederation College
LORI HYGAARD
ROBERT KUCHERAN
TRENT OPALOGH

Durham College
IAN BALL
KEVIN CAMPBELL
MICHAEL LYSKO
PATRICIA MAZZOTTA
RUSS MONTAGUE

Fanshawe College
KATHY BURRILL
CAROLINE CAMERON
MAHMUD DHANANI
EMM GRYNER
JOE LIBERATORE
MICHELLE PALMER

Fleming College
LORRIE BAIRD
BARB BOLIN
DAVID CAIN
JULIETTE CORDASCO
ERIC DENOUDEN
JOSHUA JOHN SEE

George Brown College
SHANE BUTCHER
KIMBERLY DALEY
DANIEL JANETOS
TOM RIEFESEL
SARAH STEVENSON

Georgian College
KEVIN J. COLLINS
DON KOMARECHKA
MARLA KURTZ
JON MONTGOMERY
MIKE PEGG
NICOLE SAULNIER

Humber College
MARK CAMERON
WAAWAATE FOBISTER
KIMBERLEY GREENWOOD

Collège La Cité
ÉRIC RUEL
EMANUEL THIBAUT

Lambton College
CHAD HAYTER
JULIE JENKINS
MARCIN MIGDAL
TOBIN MILLER
CHRIS PAINTER

Loyalist College
KIPTON HAWLEY
JOY PEACOCK
SANDIE SIDSWORTH
DAVID SMYTHE
FARZANA WAHIDY
DONALD WEBER

Mohawk College
RAY ADAMYK
PAUL ARMSTRONG
NARINE DAT SOOKRAM
KEVIN FORD
SCOT KEITH
DON MACVICAR

Niagara College
TARA COLANERI
WENDELYN JOHNSON
DAVE MACIULIS
KEVIN REMPEL
JOHN ZAMBAKKIDES

Northern College
RAY ROUSSY

St. Clair College
COLE CACCIAVILLANI
DINO CHIODO
ALAN DARK
SUE DENOMY
JASON FABOK

St. Lawrence College
DAN BERGERON
JOHN MANCONI
MATTHEW MORIN
AMANDA ROSE
CRAIG SIMS
DANIEL WILLISTON

Sault College
ERIN ANTONELLO
ROBERT BRESSAN
CAITLYN NELSON
MARTY SINGLETON

Seneca College
CAROLINE CHARTER
DAVID COMMON
FAZAL KHAN
BRENDA LIBREZ
STEVE LINTHWAITE
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