

Premier's Awards

2021 Nominees

The Premier's Awards celebrate the achievements of Ontario college graduates in the province and throughout the world.

Below are this year's amazing nominees from Humber College.



Rumeet Billan

Human Resources Management, 2006
President and CEO, Viewpoint Leadership

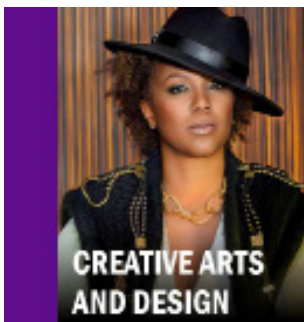
A learning architect, award-winning entrepreneur, author, speaker, humanitarian, and CEO of Viewpoint Leadership, Dr. Rumeet Billan focuses on what she would describe as social capital - the idea of becoming our best selves. Renowned for her motivating and informative speaking engagements, she helps businesses and organizations draw upon the potential of their teams. Billan has been instrumental in building schools in Kenya, Sierra Leone and Ecuador and has been named one of Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award, Women's Executive Network twice, and most recently, one of Canada's Top 100 Power Leaders and Canada's Top 10 Power Women.



Baldev Mutta

Social Service Worker, 1990; Advanced Crisis Intervention and Counselling, 2002
CEO, Punjabi Community Health Services

Baldev Mutta is the CEO of Punjabi Community Health Services, an accredited charitable not-for-profit organization making a significant impact serving and empowering families and individuals who are often marginalized and oppressed. With affiliates across Canada, Mutta's success and standing as an industry leader stem from his knowledge and ability to identify needs, address gaps and determine culturally relevant solutions, imparting his wisdom to support like-minded organizations. Mutta's work has garnered several activist, community and excellence awards including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, while his program offerings range from settlement services to addictions and mental health.



Dione Taylor

Music (Voice), 2003
Singer/Songwriter

Dione Taylor is an award-winning singer-songwriter from Regina, Saskatchewan, with a 'PrairieBlues' sound comprised of Roots, Blues, Gospel and Americana. Successfully releasing four albums, her latest project "Spirits in the Water," received nominations for two Independent Blues Awards, three Maple Blues Awards and Blues Album of the Year at the JUNOS 50th anniversary event. She has performed for presidents, royalty and music icons, while her expressive songs share lived experiences, history and perspectives of racial inequality, women's rights, perseverance, freedom and injustice. She serves as a mentor to young artists, conveying messages of staying true to yourself.



Dr. Jo-Ann Elizabeth Leavey

Nursing, 1983

Principal & CEO, Leavey Consulting Inc.

Dr. Jo-Ann Elizabeth Leavey is a Licensed Registered Psychologist, Licensed Registered Nurse Practitioner and educator who provides a cross-section of expertise in the health care space. As Principal & CEO, Leavey Consulting Inc., she is a clinician, advocate, researcher and virtual health expert who provides local and global community development strategies for resource-challenged regions. She is the recipient of a Honorary Doctorate of Law from the University of Western Ontario, the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award and the Sovereign Medal for her international medical and mental health volunteer support in Haiti and Bangladesh, and education and research in over 13 countries.



David McPhail

Electromechanical Engineering Technology, 1988

Founder, President & CEO, Chairman of the Board, Memex Inc.

In a field built upon revolutionary transformations, a 30+ year veteran of smart manufacturing, David McPhail, not only keeps pace with rapid change, he sets it. A graduate of Electromechanical Engineering Technology, his reputation as an industry trailblazer is confirmed by his numerous awards and prominent roles and is supported by the sheer number of thought leadership pieces published over the years. He combines entrepreneurial ambition, an expansive skill set and an ongoing commitment to create not only the most efficient, data-driven manufacturing systems but to design them in a way that ensures accessibility for manufacturers of all sizes.



Eloise Ambursley

Graphic Design, 2017

Co-Founder and CEO, Oat Canada

Eloise Ambursley's young career proves that there is no set script for the entrepreneur. A graphic design graduate, her road ahead appeared predictable. Instead, a course in entrepreneurship set her on a path to work with start-up leaders and dreamers. Soon, she became one, too. Since the launch of Oat Canada, the sugar-free oat milk product reached close to 1,000 stores in the first year of business. Featured in BlogTO, the company also found success on Dragon's Den, with each Dragon prepared to invest \$100,000 in exchange for a 10 per cent stake. As the business moves forward, Ambursley continues to draw on her creative skills.



Manvir Grewal

Electrician - Construction and Maintenance Apprenticeship, 2010

President, Buzzbolt Electric Limited

Manvir Grewal is the President of Buzzbolt Electric Limited, an electrical services firm specializing in residential, commercial and design/build applications. Grewal earned his Master Electrician license by the age of 25, one of the youngest electricians in Ontario to achieve this standard in the profession. With proper training and ambition, the idea of personal ownership for Grewal was never in doubt. From an early start in his apprenticeship, Grewal displays a determination to extend his reach and expand the possibilities of his profession, while molding future electricians in the process.