

2012 PREMIER'S AWARDS RECIPIENTS



Business

Chameli Naraine Conestoga College

Program of Study: Materials Management and Operations

Graduating Year: 1983

Job Title: President and CEO

Place of Employment: Symcor

Chameli Naraine's 27-year career as a business leader working for Fortune 500 companies around the world culminated in June 2011 with her appointment as president and CEO of Symcor, one of Canada's leading financial processing services providers. She is also the founder of Naraine Global Fund, a philanthropic organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and children globally.

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Community Services

Jo Gomes Seneca College

Program of Study: Social Service Worker

Graduating Year: 1987

Job Title: Professor

Place of Employment: Seneca College

Jo Gomes, a professor at Seneca College, has spent more than 20 years in the social service field. She has assisted disadvantaged youth and adults, including those suffering from mental health issues, homelessness, addiction and violence. She helped start a project that provides training and expertise to people in need in Jamaica.

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Creative Arts and Designs

Roger Mooking George Brown College

Program of Study: Culinary Management

Graduating Year: 2001

Job Title: Food Network Celebrity Chef, Author, Recording Artist, Host of Everyday Exotic, Heat Seekers and Man Fire Food

Celebrity chef and author Roger Mooking won a Juno Award as a musician before returning to his first love of cooking. He has co-owned award-winning restaurants in Toronto, has TV shows running on food networks around the world, and is the author of an award-winning cookbook.

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Health Sciences

Bonnie Kearns Lambton College

Program of Study: Diploma Nursing

Graduating Year: 1984

Job Title: Contract Disaster Relief Worker

Place of Employment: Canadian Red Cross

Bonnie Kearns, a contract disaster relief worker with the Canadian Red Cross, spent six months in Afghanistan mentoring Afghani nurses and students. She also staffed a first aid station at Ground Zero following 9/11 and helped in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. She was awarded the Red Cross' highest honour, the Order of the Red Cross, Member Level.

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Recent Graduate

David Pratt Niagara College

Program of Study: Greenhouse Technician

Graduating Year: 2007

Job Title: Head Grower

Place of Employment: Sundrop Farms

The head grower at Sundrop Farms in South Australia, David Pratt is part of a team that discovered a cost-effective method to produce food in arid places by using the sun's warmth to remove salt from seawater. The technology can be used worldwide in coastal, arid areas. He helps train the next generation of energy and resources leaders.

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Technology

Dale George Georgian College

Program of Study: Industrial Design

Graduating Year: 1985

Job Title: Chief Technology Officer

Place of Employment: Buoyant Aircraft Systems International (BASI)

Dale George, the chief technology officer of Buoyant Aircraft Systems International, is a leader in the world of industrial design. He developed the first high-altitude wind turbine. He also designed the now-famous little yellow plastic slide that can be found in backyards across North America.