

Congratulations

to the winners of the

2011

Premier's Awards

FOR OUTSTANDING COLLEGE GRADUATES

More than **100 exceptional graduates** from Ontario's 24 public colleges were nominated for this important award, honouring their achievements.

Winners:



Jon Cassar
Creative Arts & Design
Algonquin College

Jon Cassar is an internationally acclaimed director who served as director, producer and executive producer of the well-known television series, *24*. During his tenure, the series won multiple Emmys and a Golden Globe Award, while Cassar himself was awarded an Emmy for Outstanding Direction in a Drama Series in 2006. His mini-series, *The Kennedys*, premiered this past April.



Brenda Combs
Community Services
Sault College

Brenda Combs has been referred to as one of "Canada's thought-leaders" for her impactful work as a change agent in justice issues related to aboriginal women. Immediate past chair of the National Aboriginal Circle Against Family Violence, and executive director of Nimkii-Naabkawagan Family Crisis Shelter, Combs is a voice for the hundreds of murdered and missing aboriginal women in Canada who can no longer speak for themselves.



Jerry Howell
Technology
Niagara College

Jerry Howell's entrepreneurial spirit began at the age of nine, selling pumpkins out of a wheelbarrow from the family farm. After graduation, he pioneered Howell's Family Pumpkin Farm with animatronic shows that draw thousands of locals and tourists. Combining farming with tourism and entertainment, Howell's company, Chick-n-mation, uses state-of-the-art electronics and software to create and sell singing, talking and moving animatronics shows to farms worldwide.



Teenaz Javat
Recent Graduate
Sheridan College

Teenaz Javat is an award-winning journalist whose work with CBC Radio's *Metro Morning* has shone a light on the pressing issues facing the diverse communities in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Her research and leadership have garnered recognition from news organizations and community groups, including the Radio Television News Directors Association of Canada and the GTA police forces. Her stories have appeared in many print and online publications in Canada, India and Pakistan.



Rahul Singh
Health Sciences
Humber College

In 1999, paramedic Rahul Singh founded GlobalMedic, an organization providing efficient and cost-effective disaster relief. He has led more than 50 missions in more than 30 countries. By 2009, the organization had donated more than \$10 million worth of relief items around the world. In 2009, Singh was named one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40, and in 2010 he was included on Time magazine's list of 100 most influential people in the world.



Geoffrey Stephens
Business
Georgian College

Geoffrey Stephens became president and controlling owner of Capital Paving Inc. at age 35 and has grown its revenue to \$80 million from \$18 million in just over 10 years. In 2010, Capital was named one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies.

Nominees:

Algonquin College
JOHN FENIK
LUC VILLENEUVE
ROB WOODBRIDGE
KIRSTEN WOODEND

Collège Boréal
ANNE AND LORI BOUCHARD
MÉLANIE BRISSON
MATTHIEU DESBOIS

Cambrian College
JOHN HORNE
SAMANTHA KENNEDY
PIERRE LAMOUREUX
MCpl MICHAEL TRAUNER
DANIEL XILON

Canadore College
MEAGAN BROWN
TOM HEDICAN
LOU-ANNE ROBINSON

Centennial College
JOHN FLANNERY
GLYNIS WILLIAMS

Conestoga College
ROB NICKEL

Confederation College
HEATHER K. DAHLSTROM
IAN LAING
MALCOLM A. MACIVER
JAMES PARKER

Durham College
MARGARET CAMPKIN
WAYNE CLARKE
EUGENE DUPUIS
RON MOTUM
CHRISTOPHER RUSSELL
MICHAEL WHITTAKER

Fanshawe College
DANIELLE AZIZ
BRUCE BONNER
IAN CAMPBELL
JEANNETTE LUCKY HEELEY
RANDY ZUPANSKI

Fleming College
RYAN BULLOCK
PATRICE CHARTIER
BRIAN HORTON
MARK LAW
JIM MCMULLEN
R. KRIS NAHRGANG

George Brown College
MARK AGRO
LYNN CRAWFORD
MARIO GILOMBO
LUIS RODRIGUES
EVAN ALEXANDER SMITH
LAUREL MICHELE WALZAK

Georgian College
DAVID EDGAR
JONATHAN GUSHUE
TED VANDEVIS
KATHLEEN YAKE

Humber College
JADE JAGER CLARK
SUZANNE DIMMA
DANIEL J. MCDONALD
GORDON SCHOFIELD
STEVE WARGALLA

La Cité collégiale
RACHELLE MAROIS

Lambton College
JENNA CAZA
MELISSA GARE
KAREN MURPHY
GREG TULLY

Loyalist College
TRUDY BELLAM
KAELA LALONDE
KAREN MAYFIELD
CHARLES (CHUCK) MERCIER
MARTIN SEEMUNGAL
KAREN SHARP-PERRY

Mohawk College
PAMELA GUTTER
NANCY HEMRICA
MICHAEL LE PAGE
LINDA MARSHALL
KELLY ANN PAULY
JIM TATTI

Niagara College
JENNIFER BLAKELEY
CAL COONS
DANNY KERR
JOHN OSCZYPKO
DAVID PRATT

Sault College
MATTHEW ALEXANDER
TRACY BUCKLER
LEE CHAMBERS
JESSICA MOONEY
PETER POLITIS

Seneca College
PIYUSH GANDHI
MELISSA GRELO
CHIEF ARMAND PAUL
LA BARGE (RETIRED)
LEE-ANNE QUINN
WINSTON STEWART
ASTHA TAMANG-MASKEY

Sheridan College
BRENDA CLARK
EVAN JONES

St. Clair College
DAN BADOUR
DEBRA COOPER BURGER
ERROL DA-RÉ
JOHN KRYK
PETER QUIRING

St. Lawrence College
PETER GAULT
TIM PORTER
LIANNE WITT