

1993 Ontario Premier's Awards for College Graduates Recipients

Linda Lilla Lundström **Applied Arts Award** **Sheridan College**

One of the most recognizable names in the Canadian fashion industry, Linda Lilla Lundström graduated from the Fashion Design program at Sheridan College in 1972. Since then, she has built her company, Linda Lundström Ltd., into a major Canadian corporation with sales exceeding 7 million dollars in 1990.

Ms Lundström is recognized not only for her impressive business achievements, but for her commitment to create awareness of Native art and culture through her designs. The LAPARKA coat, her most famous design, has made a fashion statement of the traditional Inuit parka while incorporating the creative designs of Native artists Maxine Noel and Abe Kakepetem. Each design has a spiritual meaning in the Native culture which is explained on the garment's tag.

In 1992, Ms Lundström founded a Native Awareness Fund in her hometown of Red Lake, Ontario to encourage teachers in the district to bring Native culture, language and tradition into the classroom. Her commitment to the promotion of First Nations culture, coupled with her business success, make her an ideal recipient of a Premier's Award.



Maria G. Mendes **Business Award** **Fanshawe College**

Since her graduation from Fanshawe College's Legal Secretary Program at the top of her class, Ms Mendes has also completed a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Western Ontario and the Bachelor of Law's at the University of Windsor. She was called to the Bar in London in 1987.

As a legal secretary after leaving Fanshawe College, Maria Mendes became aware of the many barriers facing immigrants in accessing legal services. She was a founding director of the Portuguese Information Centre of London and the London Cultural Interpreter Steering Committee. Her work in the legal field helped her identify gaps in community services and she was also a founder of PAM's Gardens Non-Profit Housing Inc., work that has continued with her involvement in the London & Middlesex Housing Authority.

Since becoming a lawyer, Ms Mendes has served on the London Police Services Board, of which she is currently the chairperson. Her continued

devotion to serving her community to the fullest of her abilities have earned her the tribute of a Premier's Award.

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Georgina Thompson Health Sciences Award Loyalist College

A native of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Ms Thompson attended the Nursing Program at Loyalist College while working and caring for a family. Since her graduation in 1979, she has maintained a hectic schedule filled with multiple roles, most notably as founder and president of All-Care Health Services, a private duty nursing agency with offices in Belleville, Kingston and Napanee.

Ms Thompson is also a nurse consultant at Plainfield Children's Home and Staff Nurse at Trenton Memorial Hospital. Her community involvement is extensive. She is a Vice Chair of the Board of Governors of Loyalist College, a councillor of Thurlow Township currently serving a second term, Former Chairperson (and a founder) of the Regional Hospice of Quinte Inc. and was the first woman elected to the Rotary Club in Hastings County. In 1994, Ms Thompson will be chairperson of the Quinte District United Way Campaign.

Geogina Thompson's dedication to the community of the Quinte-Northumberland District truly embodies the qualities exemplified by the Premier's Awards.

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**Bradley C. A. Greaves
Technology Award
Confederation College**

Mr. Greaves is a graduate of the Aviation Flight Management Program at Confederation College. He also holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Lakehead University.

Before funding his own company, Northwestern Adventure Group, in 1987, Mr. Greaves worked as a pilot for several regional carriers in the Thunder Bay area, and taught flying at the Lakehead Flying school. His community involvement extends back to high school and has been focused on community development in the Northwestern Ontario region since he joined the Ignace Economic Development Committee in 1986 and chaired in 1993. Mr. Greaves was also President of the Patricia Business Development Centre, a corporation set up to provide financial and consulting assistance to small business in the Patricia Region.

Since 1990, Mr. Greaves has been a member of the Advisory Committee for his program at Confederation College, and has shown his

commitment to the program by hiring its graduates at his company. His belief in contributing to his community for the betterment of all are the qualities sought in a Premier's Award recipients.

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Douglas E. Light Honorary Award

Doug Light, who died August 11, 1993, played a key role in the development of Ontario's community college system. He was vice president of Humber College from 1968 to 1971, president of Centennial College from 1971 to 1978, and president of George Brown College from 1978 to 1991.

Under his guidance, the role and scope of colleges expanded to include programs that addressed the needs of new Canadians, people with disabilities, native Canadian, and other distinct cultural groups. He was a firm believer in equity and accessibility, and especially promoted programs and services for women, including opening eight non-profit daycare centres for students and the community.

In his work at the colleges, and as chair of the Council of Presidents of the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO), Mr. Light placed a great deal of importance on the development of co-operative programs with both community agencies and business. This led to the establishment of

partnerships that dealt with the needs of organized labour and older workers in transition, among others.

Through his work with Council of Regents and the Ontario Training and Adjustment Board, Doug Light was a strong advocate for colleges at both provincial and national levels. His dedication and commitment to the work of colleges is missed by all in the education community.