

1996 Ontario Premier's Awards for College Graduates Recipients



Joyce E. J. Marshall Applied Arts Award Centennial College

A graduate of two community colleges, Ms Marshall's professional and personal life has been devoted to improving the quality of child care across the province, as well as in more remote parts of Canada. Ms Marshall's college experience in Early Childhood Education, at both Centennial College and Durham College, has been pivotal to her achievement. Her professional background over the last 20 years as Owner/Operator of three nursery schools in the Durham region, along with her work with volunteer groups and professional associations, has led to numerous awards including Early Childhood Educator of the Year, a provincial Volunteer Service Award and the YWCA's Women of Distinction for Business award. Most recently, Ms Marshall has added to her accomplishments a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Waterloo.

Ms Marshall's activism as a leader and participant in professional, community and educational spheres has been outstanding. Her community involvement includes significant contribution back to the college system through service on the Board of Governors of Durham College, most recently as Chair. She is also past president of the First Oshawa International Training in Communication organization and the Durham Business and Professional Women's Club.

Her life-long commitment to the betterment of child care extends beyond local boundaries, as evidenced by her participation in and support of projects to assist women and children in Labrador.

Joyce Marshall demonstrates the capabilities and potential of all college graduates which are embodied in the Premier's Awards. The Province of Ontario is proud to present her with the 1996 Premier's Award for an outstanding graduate from an Applied Arts Program.

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Allen Ping-Lun Ho Business Award Lambton College

After graduating with honours from both the Accounting and Business Administration programs, at Lambton College, Mr. Ho went on to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Lakehead University.

Building on his educational background, Mr. Ho joined a local distribution company and is now CEO and part-owner of DataSar Inc., which specializes in data processing and financial reporting services for health providers. In this capacity, he develops and implements many of the company's business programs as well as coordinating the computer training for all employees. His entrepreneurial spirit has been credited with ensuring his company's continued success in an often unpredictable economic climate.

Mr. Ho's volunteer service and community involvement is extensive. He is active in the Rotary Club of Sarnia and has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship medal, Rotary's highest honour

for outstanding service to the organization and the community. He is also active in the local Chinese-Canadian community, currently as president of the Lambton Chinese-Canadian Association. Other community involvement includes past President of the United Way of Sarnia-Lambton. He has also remained involved with Lambton College as a part-time instructor and member of the Microcomputer Management Program Advisory Committee.

Allen Ho demonstrates the capabilities and potential of all college graduates which are embodied in the Premier's Awards. The Province of Ontario is proud to present him with the 1996 Premier's Award for an outstanding graduate from a Business program.

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Lori-Anne Pennells-Barre Health Sciences Award Seneca College

Following her initial medical training at Seneca College School of Nursing, Mrs. Pennells-Barre worked at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. She made her first trip to Cambodia in 1984, supervising a children's hospital in Phnom Penh. She also worked in Uganda and Malaysia before returning to Toronto to register in Seneca College's International Health program. She specialized in midwifery, dentistry for the Third World, preparing an outpost medical clinic and diagnosis of disease and treatment as the practising practitioner. These courses were to prove invaluable when she returned to Cambodia in 1993 and began working at the Krakor District Hospital.

When she arrived in Krakor, the two-room hospital had one patient and no staff. She has worked to invigorate the staff and see the hospital grow in stature. The neglected buildings have been rebuilt and health care programs have been developed which continue to have a direct and positive impact on the community. With funding from Canadian and

other organizations, Mrs. Pennells-Barre has also developed innovative income generating projects to ensure that health care is sustainable.

Describing her work as a nurse in battle-scarred Cambodia, Lori-Anne Pennells-Barre writes, "I have had opportunities that some people only experience in a book or a movie".

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Raymond Simmons Technology Award Mohawk College

A graduate of Mohawk College's Electronic Engineering Technology Program, Mr. Simmons has since risen to the top of a very competitive, high-tech world. He started his business, CRS Robotics Corporation, with \$20,000 in capital and has turned it into a company with annual sales of \$8,000,000 that employs 70 people. The company's "Human Scale" industrial robots are distributed globally in 22 countries, including Japan, the United States and Germany.

Along with keeping up-to-date with technological advances and developing his business skills, Mr. Simmons has still found time to contribute to community activities. He is currently a member of the Burlington Community Development Board of Directors and was a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce for eight years. He has also served on the City of Burlington Mayor's Development Advisory Board. He has coached for the Burlington Lion's Optimist Hockey Association and the Mississauga Hockey League. He is also a

past member of Mohawk College's Electronics Engineering Advisory Board. Mr. Simmons' entrepreneurial spirit and career success has also encouraged other graduates of the college system to pursue high-tech career opportunities.

Raymond Simmons demonstrates the capabilities and potential of all college graduates which are embodied in the Premier's Awards. The Province of Ontario is proud to present him with the 1996 Premier's Award for outstanding graduate from a Technology program .