

1999 Ontario Premier's Awards for College Graduates Recipients



Kendra J. Gregson
Applied Arts Award: Community Services
Mohawk College

Kendra Gregson's Child Care Worker Program from Mohawk (1985) has taken her from Dundas, Ontario all over the world as a Relief and Development Worker. At the height of the war in Bosnia in 1994, she led a staff of 80 in providing medical, psycho-social, home and material care to war victims – children, elderly people, people with physical or mental disabilities and survivors of violence. Kendra's REACH (Rehabilitation for Elderly and Children) Program helps re-establish social networks, like schools. In 1998, she worked in Sarajevo as the Social Policy Task Force Co-ordinator for a consortium of relief and development organizations including the World Bank, CARE, the Canadian International Development Agency, European Union, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the government's social protection ministries. Kendra is currently a Social Protection Consultant in Bosnia-Herzegovina, with the World Bank.

Honoured many times, Kendra received the Prime Minister's 1985 Canada Day Award for Excellence for work in Peace, Participation and Development. In 1998 it was the Award of Merit from the Anglican Church of Canada and this year, the Canadian YMCA Peace Medal. Kendra is a member of the Directing Staff at Nova Scotia's Cornwallis Pearson Peacekeeping Centre – one of the world's few peacekeeping centres for complex emergencies.

Kendra has a B.A. in Political Science and Anthropology; a Graduate Diploma in International Development and Co-operation; and, a Diploma in Psychodrama.

In recognition of her extraordinary accomplishments in her field, in peacekeeping and international development, it is with great pleasure we present Kendra Gregson with the 1999 Premier's Award in Applied Arts: Community Services.

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David Connolly
Applied Arts Award: Creative Arts & Design
Sheridan College

David Connolly has danced on Broadway, sings professionally and works as a producer for Los Angeles based Anita Mann Productions, a premier production house of live song and dance. From his start at Kitchener-Waterloo's Oktoberfest, this Emmy Award winning (1995) choreographer has performed in, choreographed and directed countless Canadian, American and international productions. David's success is even more exceptional given that his legs were amputated just below the knees when he was a child. With the aid of prostheses he defied expectations of a life in a wheelchair, learning to walk, run and dance effortlessly.

Nominated for a second Emmy (1997) and for the Bob Fosse Award (1996), the Sheridan Music Theatre Program graduate (1989), says: "At Sheridan, I got involved in production and made decisions that are now my daily existence. With all the passion in my heart, I attribute most of the

reason I am here to having been there." He maintains his college connection, returning regularly to contribute his expertise to the development of new talent.

Particularly committed to the welfare of children, David volunteers his time and talent extensively as an Ambassador for the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children; as an annual producer for Fashion Cares, Canada's premier charity event in support of the AIDS Committee of Toronto; an annual producer for the Jerry Lewis Telethon for the fight against Muscular Dystrophy; and, a volunteer for Easter Seals, Project Angel Food and The Safe Place for Pediatric AIDS.

This inspiring individual shines in his career and his commitment to others. It is our honour to present the 1999 Premier's Award for Applied Arts: Creative Arts & Design to David Connolly.

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Ted J. Hargreaves Business Award Canadore College

Community-minded businessman Ted Hargreaves began his accounting career as the owner of his own business before merging with BDO Dunwoody LLP Chartered Accountants, a practice with 82 offices and 930 professional staff across Canada. As Managing Partner for the Near North, Ted is especially committed to economic development that helps young people stay and thrive in Northern Ontario.

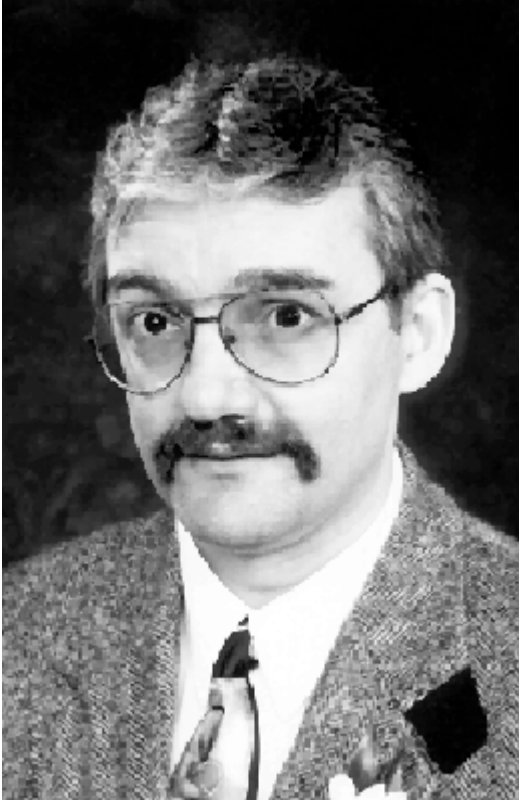
Ted's vision and financial acumen are not limited to his career – he has been instrumental in fundraising for an awe-inspiring list of initiatives that suggest the well-being of North Bay is his true passion. In 1986 he helped launch and still administers the North Bay Soup Kitchen, serving over twenty-one thousand meals annually. Thanks to his guidance, the City of North Bay purchased a CAT Scan; the Economic Development Committee reclaimed a closed air base for a regional airport site; the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority acquired the Jack Pine Ski Hill; North Bay became

home to the Canadian Forces Museum of Aerospace Defence; and the North Bay Arts Centre is now the revitalized Capitol Centre. Dozens of boards and associations - including Canadore College - benefit from Ted's expertise and enthusiasm.

Following Canadore's Business Administration Accounting Program (1971), Ted attended Nipissing University and Duke University. A recipient of Canada's Certificate of Merit (1988) and the Order of Ontario (1995), his extraordinary service has been regularly acknowledged through awards from his community.

For his commitment to the social and economic development of Northern Ontario and particularly his North Bay community, it is an honour to present Ted J. Hargreaves with the 1999 Premier's Award in Business.

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Dr. Martin A. J. McNamara Health Sciences Award Humber College

Two-time graduate of Humber College, Martin McNamara has dedicated almost twenty-five years to the advancement of pre-hospital emergency care. Now an ER Physician with Huronia District Hospital, Martin started in Ambulance and Emergency Care with Orillia and District Ambulance Service in 1977. Only the 68th Emergency Medical Care Attendant in Ontario (EMCA), he was among the first to be enrolled in the province's air ambulance program. As an EMCA, Martin devoted many off-duty hours mapping over 900 square miles of emergency routes for ambulance, fire trucks and the OPP, and launched a program equipping ambulances with teddy bears for injured children.

Determined to advance pre-hospital care, Martin pursued a degree in Medical Anthropology and Geography at York University (1992) and an MD from McMaster University Medical School (1995). He was one of three accepted into a pilot Emergency Medicine and Family Practice

residency that combined his two passions: emergency care and the day-to-day care of individuals.

In addition to his ER position at the Huronia District Hospital, Martin works part-time as a family physician in Midland and at a First Nations Reserve on Christian Island. Committed to cutting-edge paramedic training he continues to teach and consult, and is currently helping to develop national competency paramedic guidelines and Humber's Advanced Paramedic Training program.

In recognition of his critical role in the advancement of Ontario's ambulance and emergency care and for his caring approach in the field of health, we are honoured to present Dr. Martin McNamara with the 1999 Premier's Awards for Health Sciences.

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Michael Ruscigno Technology Award Humber College

Michael Ruscigno is President and Founder of InTELaTECH Inc., which provides electronic components and services in everything from engineering design to product marketing to Ontario's original equipment manufacturing (OEM) industry. A graduate of Humber's Electrical Control Technician program, Michael launched his one-person operation in 1988 and within two years welcomed partner, Gerry Gentile. Today, InTELaTECH employs 80 people in offices in Mississauga, Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa and Montreal, and their astonishing 3400 percent growth in the last five years has captured the business community's attention. Listed #85 in Profit Magazine's list of Canada's 100 Fastest Growing Companies (1997) and 38th in Ontario Business Report's Top 100 Entrepreneurs (1996), the company was cited as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Private Companies (1996) and won the Mississauga Board of Trade Award for Small Business of the Year (1996) and Business Person of the Year -- to both partners (1997). In 1997

InTELaTECH received ISO 9002 Certification.

Business achievement is not InTELaTECH's only story. Under Michael's open-door leadership style, employees are company shareholders participating in corporate goal setting and management. The company gives to the community with the same zeal, contributing to a score of charities; its goal to adopt 100 children in the Developing World is at 80. InTELaTECH is the proud recipient of this year's Canadian Centre for Philanthropy's "New Spirit of Community Partnership" Award.

Following his years at Humber College, Michael attended the University of Toronto, Ryerson Polytechnical University, and the University of Western Ontario.

In recognition of his success in the field of technology and his philanthropic goal "to leave the world a bit better", it is an honour to present the 1999 Premier's Award for Technology to Michael Ruscigno.