

2004 Ontario Premier's Awards for College Graduates Recipients



Joe Roberts
Business
Loyalist College

Joe Roberts overcame drug addiction to become the head of a multimedia development company, Mindware Design Communications, in Vancouver. In less than four years, he led the company to an 800% increase in business, making his first million dollars before he turned 35. Roberts was named one of Business in Vancouver's 40 Under 40 Outstanding Business People and one of *Maclean's* 10 Canadians Who Make a Difference. Roberts is the founding member of Courage to Change, a foundation created to educate youth about drug and alcohol abuse. The author of two books, he speaks at high schools, prisons and organizations.



Dominic Agostino (Posthumous)
Community Services
Mohawk College

A life in public service and a passion for social justice are the hallmarks of Dominic Agostino, Liberal MPP for Hamilton-East until his death in March 2004. In his first year as a student at Mohawk College, Dominic became the youngest Trustee ever to sit on Hamilton's Catholic School Board. After serving as senior Alderman, Hamilton City Council, Dominic entered provincial politics in 1995, winning the riding of Hamilton-East. A fighter for the disadvantaged, he will be remembered in Hamilton and across the province as a man who stood by his politics and his principles.

2004 Ontario Premier's Awards for College Graduates Recipients



Dominic Bellissimo
Creative Arts & Design
Sheridan College

Dominic Bellissimo is internationally recognized as the premier designer of shearling outerwear. His designs have been featured in *Vogue* and *Flare*, sold in high-end specialty shops like Bloomingdale's and Holt Renfrew, and are worn by numerous celebrities including Renée Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Richard Gere. Bellissimo's creations have earned him stellar recognition in the industry, claiming such awards as Designer of the Year, the Award of Merit in Design, and Best in Leather: Men's Category. Jeanne Beker, Host of *Fashion Television* and *Globe and Mail* Style Columnist says, "In terms of great fashion, this guy's a national treasure!"



Mary Jo Haddad
Health Sciences
St. Clair College

Mary Jo is the current President and CEO of The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. She has held a variety of health care administration and nursing positions prior to this appointment in both the United States and Canada. Mary Jo graduated from St. Clair College and went on to the University of Windsor to complete a BScN and to the University of Toronto for an MHScA. She is an active community member, involved in a variety of projects and organizations including the United Way and the Cedarbrook Society. Mary Jo is married and has three children.

2004 Ontario Premier's Awards for College Graduates Recipients



T.J. Galda
Recent Graduate
Centennial College

Combining his degree in kinesiology with his certificate in digital animation from Centennial College, T.J. Galda has acquired the skills needed to flourish as a technical director in the booming digital animation industry. Since graduating from Centennial, T.J. has worked at several Canadian animation houses, culminating with a job at Nelvana, Canada's largest animation production studio. While working, T.J. found the time to teach part-time in the animation program at Centennial. In 2003 DreamWorks found the young animator and tapped him for a job as technical director at one of the world's best-known animation studios in Burbank, California.



Major Doug Clements
Technology
Confederation College

Since graduation, Major Clements became a Military Pilot and flight instructor, flying the CF-18. He ranked first in his classes and graduated from the Canadian "Top Gun" school and attained "Mass Attack Lead Status". He did two NATO Peacekeeping tours in 1997 and 1999. He was the 2003 Demo pilot for the CF-18 and flew in Air Shows across the continent. He is currently assigned to a Staff Job in Ottawa and is responsible for the purchase of new and future equipment for the CF-18 fleet and future generation fighters.

2004 Ontario Premier's Awards for College Graduates Recipients



The Honourable Bob Rae Honorary Award

The Honourable Bob Rae served as Ontario's twenty-first Premier and established the Premier's Awards in 1992 to acknowledge the contribution Ontario's colleges make to the Province's economic prosperity and social well-being. Elected eight times to federal and provincial parliaments before his retirement from politics in 1996, Mr. Rae is well known for his ongoing dedication to public life in Ontario, most recently spearheading an extensive review of postsecondary education in Ontario. His community involvement includes the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada, the Canadian Red Cross Society, and the Royal Conservatory of Music, to name just a few. Mr. Rae is currently a partner at Goodmans law firm in Toronto.