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& Partnership

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Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario



The ACAATO Awards

The Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO) recognizes individuals, organizations and especially volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the college system in Ontario in the areas of Leadership, Innovation and Partnership. The ACAATO awards are a highly visible statement honoring the excellence of those who are committed to the college system in Ontario. The colleges' significant contribution to the social and economic development of Ontario since 1967 has been enhanced by the recipients of these awards.

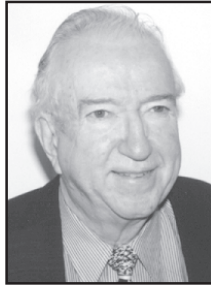
Selection Committee

Our special thanks go to members of the selection committee for the inaugural 2002 ACAATO Awards.

- **Lynda Davenport**, Former Chair, ACAATO (Conestoga College);
- **Bruce Hodgson**, Former Chair, ACAATO (Mohawk);
- **Dan Corbett**, President, National Quality Institute and former President, St. Lawrence College;
- **Tim McTiernan**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Technology Division of the Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology and former President, Canadore College;
- **Kevin Costante**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.



ACAATO Award Recipients ~ 2002



Arch Brown

LEADERSHIP — COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Archibald (Arch) Brown, Georgian College

I feel very privileged to have been selected for this ACAATO award as I have always valued the role of mentor to young people in stressing the utmost importance of a higher education in their personal success. I have been fortunate to be a part of Georgian College since its inception, and I have long appreciated the vital and necessary contribution of volunteers in ensuring that our community college system remains one of the best in the world.



Patricia Hatt

LEADERSHIP — COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Patricia Hatt, George Brown College

I am honoured to be chosen for this award and feel privileged to have had the opportunity to play a role in the development of colleges in Ontario. Colleges, like George Brown, play a vital role in providing the appropriate programs and support services that allow people, including those with disabilities or literacy issues, to achieve their potential and lead rewarding lives. I know from my work with the Metro Toronto Movement for Literacy and the Toronto Training Board that colleges are important partners in the effort to create inclusive and healthy communities in our province.



Rob McCormack

INNOVATION

Rob McCormack, Confederation College

I created ReadPlease (text-to-speech software) for my 83-year-old father who has macular degeneration, a disease that robbed him of the ability to read. From this basic need to improve the quality of just one person's life came so much, benefited so many students and provided many opportunities that did not exist before. It is indeed an honor to receive the Innovation Award.

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Ruth
Gates-Jensen

LEADERSHIP — DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Ruth Gates-Jensen, Fanshawe College

I believe the development of the Ontario community college system is one of the most significant success stories of the past century, providing as it did new and diverse educational opportunities for postsecondary students, who subsequently became highly-skilled employees in Ontario's economy. To be recognized by ACAATO, the association which represents the dynamic and innovative Ontario colleges, makes me very proud, and I thank the association, my own college, Fanshawe College which nominated me, for this honor.



John Hertel

PARTNERSHIP

John Hertel, Vice President, Sales (Advantage Business Market), Bell Canada & Brian Desbiens, President, Sir Sandford Fleming College

This award represents a confirmation that true partnerships have tangible, measurable rewards for those organizations that have the desire for change, and the commitment to challenge fiscal and political norms to achieve success. Public/private partnerships can work if participants are prepared to take risks, invest in each other and stay the course over an extended period of time. Business partnerships are not a lot different than personal relationships. They can be rich and rewarding experiences for all parties through frequent and open communication, trust and genuine interest in your partners success. — John Hertel



Brian Desbiens





Nominees

We would like to express our appreciation and congratulations to all of those who were nominated for this year's awards.

1. LEADERSHIP: COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

- Robert Grimminck, Fanshawe College
- Silvio Di Gregorio, Confederation College
- James Brown, St. Lawrence College
- Thyagi De Lanerolle, Centennial College

2. LEADERSHIP: DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

- David Colin De Knock, Confederation College
- Betty Boone, St. Lawrence College
- Daniel Holland, Loyalist College
- Brenda Jackson, Durham College
- Terry Dance-Bennink, Sir Sandford Fleming College

3. PARTNERSHIP

- Charter Agreement for a Trilateral Partnership, Georgian, OPP, OPPA
- Unique Collaborations, Fanshawe, University of Western Ontario
- Fraser Dougall, Confederation and Thunder Bay Electronics
- Good Year Napanee, St. Lawrence, Goodyear, MTCU

4. INNOVATION

- Sheridan, Delta3: Mobile computing initiative
- Boréal, Nurse Practitioner Initiative: Provision of health care to students
- Loyalist, Catherine O'Rourke: Initiatives to help students with disabilities reach their potential
- Georgian College Centre for Excellence: To meet the needs of students with specific learning disabilities and conduct research
- Fanshawe, The Millennium Project: To unlock the potential of individuals with learning disabilities
- St. Lawrence, Bill Kirby: Innovative leadership in Behavioural Science Technology Program



Community Volunteer Award

The **Community Volunteer Award** honors an individual who has provided leadership, time and energy to the advancement of the college(s) locally and/or provincially. This individual demonstrates exceptional and innovative leadership in support of the college system. The individual must be (currently or recently) involved with the nominating institution in some capacity (for example: as a board member, advisory committee member, foundation board member).

Partnership Award

The **Partnership Award** recognizes the contribution made by individuals, groups or organizations who are working collaboratively with colleges to improve the quality of education, to increase access to education and to develop creative and innovative solutions to educational and service issues. This award recognizes the achievement of those associated with implemented activities that have verifiable results.

Distinguished Service Award

The **Distinguished Service Award** honors individuals who have provided leadership to their institution and/or the college-system and fostered change that has resulted in substantial improvement locally or provincially. The individual must be a current or recent employee of the nominating institution.

Innovation Award

The **Innovation Award** recognizes the contribution made by individuals or groups in the development and implementation of innovative programs and services that meet a need that was not being met. These initiatives will have improved accessibility for learners, enhanced their educational experience, improved the quality of student life, and/or increased support for learners at college.



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MEDIA RELEASE

First ACAATO Award recipients lauded for innovation, leadership, service

Toronto, Ont., Feb 1, 2002 – The first recipients of the ACAATO Awards for Leadership, Innovation and Partnership were announced today by the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO).

The awards recognize individuals, organizations and volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Ontario's colleges of applied arts and technology.

"The ACAATO awards are a highly visible statement honoring the excellence of those who are committed to the college system in Ontario," says Susan Bloomfield, Chair of the ACAATO Executive. "Our recipients should be proud, as we are, of the positive impact they have had on all facets of the college system."

The first ACAATO Awards recipients are:

- **Archibald (Arch) Brown**, Georgian College, Barrie, in the category of **Leadership: Community Volunteer**;
- **Patricia Hatt**, George Brown College, Toronto, in the category of **Leadership: Community Volunteer**;
- **Ruth Gates-Jensen**, Fanshawe College, London, in the category of **Leadership: Distinguished Service**;
- **Bell Canada** and **Sir Sandford Fleming College**, Peterborough, in the **Partnership** category; and
- **Rob McCormack**, Confederation College, Thunder Bay, in the **Innovation** category.

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The awards will be presented at noon, Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel in London, Ont., at the annual ACAATO conference.

ACAATO is the advocacy and marketing association of Ontario's 25 colleges of applied arts and technology.

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BACKGROUND ON ACAATO AWARD RECIPIENTS

ACAATO AWARD CATEGORY: LEADERSHIP ~ COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Archibald Brown has been affiliated with **Georgian College** in Barrie for more than 30 years. He has served as chair of the college's board of governors, is a founder of Georgian's Canadian Automotive institute and was an active director of the Georgian College Foundation. He is a noted philanthropist whose generous donations made possible The Helen and Arch Brown Centre for Visual Arts at Georgian's Barrie campus. (In 1963, Brown opened a Canadian Tire store in Barrie that established industry benchmarks that were imitated nationally and internationally, including setting new standards in retail and customer service and implementation of a profit sharing plan.) He also served in a number of capacities with various Barrie community organizations, including the Barrie Chamber of Commerce and the YM/YWCA. In 1996, Brown was recognized for his community leadership when he was awarded the Order of Canada.

ACAATO AWARD CATEGORY: LEADERSHIP ~ COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Patricia Hatt has been involved extensively with Toronto's **George Brown College** since 1993 when she joined its Board of Governors and later became its chair. She exemplified the quality and degree of visionary leadership so crucial to the successful development of the college. In particular, she provided unwavering support during a critical period in the college's existence — a time of dramatic downsizing and significant financial restraint. Hatt, who has a visual processing disability, is a leader in the field of literacy and disability. She is a sought after speaker and trainer who works tirelessly as a consultant and volunteer assisting individuals and organizations with issues related to accommodating people with disabilities. She has also served on a number of government boards and commissions and is the author of a variety of publications and resource manuals regarding literacy and disabilities. She currently serves the college as an advisory member for its new Access Centre of Excellence.

ACAATO AWARD CATEGORY: LEADERSHIP ~ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Ruth Gates-Jensen is former vice-president of business development at **Fanshawe College** in London. She retired in May 2001 after 31 years at the college. She was Fanshawe's first female principal and later, its first female vice-president. Gates-Jensen was instrumental in establishing preparatory and skills programs for women in non-traditional occupations through such initiatives as Women in Trades Technology. She was one of the visionaries who established the fund development function within the community college setting. She provided leadership to the development of co-operative education at Fanshawe, and to the implementation of a recruitment strategy to attract international students, now totalling more than 200 from 41 different countries. Gates-Jensen also served the college system in a number of roles through ACAATO, and has been an active community leader with such organizations as the YWCA and chambers of commerce in three Ontario communities.

ACAATO AWARD CATEGORY: INNOVATION

Rob McCormack is an innovator. A multimedia professor at Thunder Bay's **Confederation College**, he has two driving passions — humankind and computers. He has not always been at the front of a classroom, having served as Confederation's director of educational technology. He was instrumental in creating the college's Faculty Innovation Centre, which advances innovation in curriculum through the use of technology. As a faculty member, he is described by students as an excellent role model and educator who goes the extra mile to ensure that his students will excel. His

innovative “Internet Passport Plus” has provided students at Confederation with a booklet that helps them effectively use the Internet and the college’s computing facilities. He was also a regular contributor to PC Magazine and has had articles published in other journals. He has authored two outstanding pieces of software: QuizPlease, a program designed to help faculty produce on-line tests, and ReadPlease, software that provides text-to-speech conversion for computer-generated text. McCormack provides ReadPlease free of charge, and is downloaded from his website (www.robmccormack.com) by more than 50,000 users each month. ReadPlease is used by people who are visually, physically or learning disabled, mute or by those who prefer to listen to web pages and e-mail, instead of reading them. He is currently working on a machine that will read the printed page.

ACAATO AWARD CATEGORY: PARTNERSHIP

Bell Canada and **Sir Sandford Fleming College** in Peterborough have a partnership to be proud of. Six years ago the college sought to replace its telephone system and connect several remote campuses. It also faced budget cuts of \$12 million. Rather than downsize, Fleming aggressively positioned for growth and sought new avenues of support through corporate partnerships. At the same time, Bell Canada was looking for a new model in dealing with colleges and universities. A joint strategic plan, Bell’s financial support and mutually coordinated arrangements led to the development of a partnership of trust that benefits both partners and provides advanced learning facilities for Fleming’s students. Bell has supported a number of major building projects that have bolstered the college’s ability to provide state-of-the art facilities, including a new technology centre that will cater to high-tech learning and house an innovative Institute for Healthy Aging. The Fleming/Bell partnership has assisted Bell’s business interests, and led to educational access for thousands of students in computer-assisted learning.