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Inspiring Business Leader Award

Celebrating the leaders shaping the
future of our community.

Presented by:

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School of Business



Inspiring Business Leader Award

The Inspiring Business Leader Award, co-presented by the Haskayne School of Business and the Calgary Chamber of Commerce, began its journey as the Distinguished Business Leader Award in 1993 and has recognized 33 outstanding leaders in the Calgary community.

Influencing a new generation of leaders, students and the community, the Inspiring Business Leader Award continues to shine a spotlight on inspirational leadership. The award celebrates successful business leaders in Southern Alberta, regardless of their career stage, who are well respected in the community and are exemplars of the future of business in Calgary. The award winners demonstrate exceptional business success, purpose-driven leadership and dedication to being community builders.

Proceeds from the Inspiring Business Leader Award gala support a scholarship endowment for Haskayne School of Business students along with the Jim Dewald Emerging Leaders Scholarship offered through the Calgary Chamber of Commerce. Since the launch of the Inspiring Business Leader Award scholarship program in 2008, nearly \$500,000 in scholarships has been awarded to over 100 aspiring business leaders.

We believe that celebrating these exceptional leaders is essential to ensuring the development and growth of Calgary and the surrounding areas into the mid-21st century. Join us in recognizing inspirational leadership through sponsorship of the Inspiring Business Leader Award. Ask us about the benefits and levels of sponsorship.

We look forward to working with you to inspire the best possible leadership in our city.

Best regards,

Dr. Gina Grandy
Dean, Haskayne School of Business

Deborah Yedlin
President and CEO, Calgary Chamber of Commerce

Benefits

We invite you and your organization to partner with us and enrich the legacy of purpose-driven leadership in Calgary.

By sponsoring the Inspiring Business Leader Award gala you will:

- Highlight your company as an organization that values purpose-driven leadership
- Align your organization with our remarkable award recipients
- Connect with a progressive network of community members committed to purpose-driven leadership
- Support business students and young entrepreneurs

Please consider further strengthening the connection between your organization and the Inspiring Business Leader Award through a multi-year partnership.

2026 Recipient



The Hunter Family
Bluesky Equities Ltd.
Hunter Family Foundation
Adam Hunter, Derrick Hunter, and Doug Hunter

Sponsorship levels

Sponsor Benefits	Gala Sponsor \$30,000 (SOLD OUT)	Gold Sponsor \$20,000 (max 2)	Silver Sponsor \$10,000 (max 10)	Reception Sponsor \$15,000 (max 1)
Exclusive lead sponsorship recognition	●			
Personalized company message to the award recipient in the printed gala program	●			
Opportunity to address gala attendees at the event	●			
Recognition on Haskayne School of Business donor wall	●			
Tickets to a Calgary Chamber of Commerce event (Valid for event tickets up to maximum \$150 per ticket)	2	2	2	2
Tickets for the VIP Reception	2	2	2	2
Pre-event logo recognition as the gala/gold/ silver/reception sponsor in event promotion via web, email and social media	●	●	●	●
Logo recognition at the gala event in the printed program, signage and on-screen presentation	●	●	●	●
Post-event logo recognition of your sponsor status via web, email and social media	●	●	●	●
Preferential table placement at the gala dinner	2 seats at the head table	●	●	●
Special mention during the gala program	●	●	●	●
Tickets to the gala dinner	24	16	8	8
Company logo/name displayed on your table at the gala	logo	logo	logo	logo
Tax receiptable contribution to the scholarship fund**	optional	optional	optional	optional
Announcements during reception acknowledging sponsorship				●

* Pending promotional deadlines

** Tax receipts are not permitted where corporate logo recognition is received

Selection committee

Sue Riddell Rose
President and CEO, Perpetual Energy
Distinguished Business Leader Award recipient (2012)
Community Representative

Mike Broadfoot
Principal, MGB Investments
Community Representative

Jim Dinning
Chancellor Emeritus, University of Calgary
Community Representative

Shahauna Siddiqui
Partner, DHR International
Selection Sponsor
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Nannette Ho-Covernton
Executive Director, The etc Foundation
Community Representative

Ian Minnifree
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Community Representative

Eva Friesen
President & CEO, Calgary Foundation
Gala Partner Representative

Deborah Yedlin
President and CEO, Calgary Chamber
Chancellor Emeritus, University of Calgary
Chamber Representative

Dr. Gina Grandy
Dean, Haskayne School of Business
Haskayne Business School Representative

The legacy

Visit [Haskayne School of Business](#) to see full profiles of many of the past recipients.

2025 **Bryan de Lottinville**
Founder and Chief Enthusiast of Benevity

2024 **Kim McConnell**
Founder and former CEO, AdFarm

2023 **Dawn Farrell**
President and CEO, Trans
Mountain Corporation

2022 **Wayne Chiu, CM, AOE, ICD.D**
Founder and CEO, Trico Group,
Founder, Trico Foundation

2022 **Andrea Robertson**
President and Chief Executive Officer,
STARS

2021 **Dr. Chen Fong, OC**
Co-Founder, Pureweb Inc.

2020 No recipient due to COVID-19

2019 **Michael Culbert**
Vice Chairman, PETRONAS Energy Canada
Ltd.

2018 **Guy J. Turcotte**
Founder, President and CEO,
Stone Creek Resorts

2017 **Leslie O'Donoghue, Q.C., LL.B.**
Executive Vice President Corporate Development
and Strategy and Chief Risk Officer, Agrium Inc.

2016 **Sam Kolias**
Chairman and CEO, Boardwalk REIT

2015 **Ronald N. Mannix, OC, AOE**
Chairman and Director,
Coril Holdings Ltd.

2014 **Mac Van Wielingen, C.M., OC**
Chairman, ARC Financial Corp. and ARC
Resources Ltd.

2013 **Alan Norris**
President and CEO, Brookfield
Residential Properties Inc.

2012 **Sue Riddell Rose**
President and CEO,
Perpetual Energy Inc.

2011 **Rick George, OC**
President and CEO,
Suncor Energy Inc.

2010 **Hal Kvisle**
President and CEO,
TransCanada Corporation

2009 **Patrick Daniel**
President and CEO, Enbridge Inc.

2008 **George Brookman**
CEO and Owner, West Canadian

2007 **Michael J. (Mike) Tims, C.M.,
LL.D.(Hon.), CBV**
Chairman, Peters & Co. Limited

2006 **Harley Hotchkiss, CC, AOE**
Chairman, NHL Board of Governors

2005 **Linda Hohol**
President, TSX Venture Exchange

2004 **Charlie Fischer**
President and CEO, Nexen Inc.

2003 **Clive Beddoe**
Chairman, President and CEO,
WestJet Airlines Ltd.

2002 **John Forzani**
Founder, Chairman and CEO, The
Forzani Group Ltd.

2001 **David O'Brien, OC**
Chairman, President and CEO,
Canadian Pacific Ltd.

2000 **Brian MacNeill**
Chairman, Petro-Canada

1999 **James Gray, OC, AOE**
Chairman, Canadian Hunter
Exploration Ltd.

1998 **J.R. (Bud) McCaig**
Chairman, Trimac Corporation

1997 **Richard Haskayne,
OC, AOE, FCA**
Chairman of the Board,
NOVA Corporation

1996 **Robert Brawn, AOE**
President and CEO,
Danoil Energy Ltd.

1995 **Alfred Balm**
Chairman of the Board,
Emergo Canada Ltd.

1994 **David Mitchell, OC**
President and CEO,
Alberta Energy Company Ltd.

1993 **John Currie**
President,
Alberta Arts Stabilization

Professional titles and companies associated with the award winners reflect the time at which the award was presented.

Partners and sponsors:

Gala Partner:



Gala Sponsor:



Silver Sponsors:



Selection Partner:



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