

## 2009 Events



### CBE'S Distinguished Alumni Awards

October 22: CBE's Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner honoured local business man, Rotarian and community leader Steve Allan, an alumnus of Rideau Park and the former Central High School. "My life has clearly been shaped by the connections I've made that have their roots in my public school experience in Calgary," said Allan. The dinner was sold out at nearly 400 guests including 50 high school student champions and three Bowness students who screened their own video. Since the first CBE award, ten distinguished alumni have been recognized. Since the first dinner hosted by EducationMatters, over \$276,000 has been raised for the trust's Future Leaders Fund.

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### Report to the Community luncheon

May 7: the Report to the Community luncheon celebrated learning as a lifelong endeavor and the generous gift of \$1 million from Allan Markin over four years. His Healthy Learning Fund supports good health and nutrition for students in CBE schools. The event was emceed by Lord Beaverbrook High School student Jessica Wurz. Student speakers Tavon, Ivy and Zafeer from Rundle School debated on the value of learning. The luncheon goers enjoyed a closing performance from Capitol Hill School students on their African djembe drums.

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### Mistletoe Mingle

December 7: Mistletoe Mingle ended a stellar year with another transformational reception pledge announcement of \$500,000 towards literacy from Heather & Murray Edwards. A young Connaught School student named Mustafa acted as emcee while Janessa Green, winner of the EducationMatters Future Leaders Fund Scholarship and Forest Lawn High School alumni, addressed the holiday crowd. Student dancers from Lester B. Pearson wowed the guests with hip hop and cultural dances. Nearly a dozen grant recipients set up displays and mingled with donors, scholarship winners and special guests.