DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS
SELECTION CRITERIA

This annual award was created in 2002 by the Calgary Board of Education Trustees to honour leading CBE alumni who have achieved exemplary success in their life and professional career. Success is achieved and measured in many ways. It can be personal, academic or professional achievement, engaging in meaningful community service, a career or vocation, making a significant positive contribution to society, and helping others achieve and meet success by giving back to city, province, country, and the world.

This annual award was established to celebrate highly successful alumni of the Calgary Board of Education. The Distinguished Alumni Award is not only a celebration of the achievements of the recipient but also an acknowledgement of the remarkable achievements of public education in Calgary and those involved in public education who contributed to that individual’s success. These include all public education employees and proponents - from teachers and principals to support staff, caretakers, system support personnel as well as parents, trustees, the community, provincial partners and taxpayers. This award is a formal acknowledgement of the value of public education in a democratic and civil society.

In 2006 EducationMatters, Calgary’s Public Education Trust, began managing the Awards, including overseeing the selection process and hosting an annual dinner to honour Award Recipients and support the Distinguished Alumni of the future through contributions to the Future Leaders Fund. The Fund provides program grants for leadership initiatives and scholarships to student leaders. The first dinner was held in November 2006 with great success.

Previous Award Recipients

2002  The Honourable Peter Lougheed
2003  Mrs. Marg Southern
2004  Mr. Jim Dinning
2005  The Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta
2006  Dr. Martha Cohen, CM
2007  Dr. Margaret (Marmie) Hess, and
       Mr. Allan Markin
2008  Mr. Charlie Fischer
       Ms. Joanne Cuthbertson
2009  Mr. J Stephens (Steve) Allan
2010  Mr. Douglas H. Mitchell
2011  Mrs. Peggy Valentine (posthumously)
       Master Corporal (Ret) Paul Franklin
2012  Mr. Paul Brandt
       Mr. George Gosbee
       Mr. Quincy Smith
2013/14 Mrs. Stephanie Felesky
       Mr. Brian Felesky
Award Recipients

In past years, one individual was selected annually to receive the award. Since 2007, EducationMatters expanded the awards to recognize more than one recipient if applicable. These individuals are chosen to reflect the CBE Results for achievement in:

- **Academics** - possesses the knowledge, skills and attitude required for academic success, and is effectively prepared for life, work and further learning
- **Citizenship** - has been a responsible citizen who is an informed and involved member of his/her community – locally, nationally, globally
- **Character** - possesses the character to do what is right, act morally with wisdom, and balance individual concerns with the rights and needs of others
- **Personal Development** – has acquired the skills, attitude and knowledge to achieve his/her highest personal potential
- **Mega Result (Lifelong learning)** – has used high school as a foundation for continuous learning

Fill in the nomination form completely and include the information requested below - the examples and brief biography need not be more than one page. While a nominee does NOT have to have high name recognition in the community, they must have achieved a certain level of notoriety, accomplishment, admiration and respect in their profession, vocation, philanthropy, community service and/or personal achievements.

- Your nominee must be an alumnus of a CBE school and must have demonstrated support for and be a champion of public education or students. Please provide examples of this.
- **They must** exemplify at least one or more of the CBE Results: lifelong learning, academic success, citizenship, character and personal development (see above Awards criteria for more detail). Please indicate which ones and provide examples of how they’ve made a significant, positive contribution to our citizens, community, city, province, country, and/or world.
- Please provide a brief biography of the nominated individual including their professional, academic and community service work.
- Please include one personal letter of support for this nomination.

Please mail or fax this completed form, with all criteria requested and support documentation to:

Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee
c/o EducationMatters, 1221 8 St SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0L4
Telephone: (403) 817-7468, Fax: (403) 294-8126

Please direct any questions to:
Marilyn Field, EducationMatters (403) 817-7465 or mfield@educationmatters.ca
I would like the following person to be considered for the Distinguished Alumni Award:

Nominee: _______________________________________________________________

Professional Title (if applicable): ___________________________________________

Organization/Place of Employment: __________________________________________

Contact Address: __________________________________________________________

Telephone: ____________________________   Email: __________________________

Nominee’s alumni high school _________________________  Year (if known)_______

I will act as the Nominator for this person:

Nominator:  ______________________________________________________________

Professional Title (if applicable): ___________________________________________

Organization/Place of Employment: _________________________________________

Contact Address: __________________________________________________________

Telephone: ____________________________  Email: ____________________________

Relationship to Nominee: __________________________________________________

(Nominator’s Signature)      Date:  

Are you a CBE alumni? ___ YES.   From which high school? ____________________