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NB Dominates the Winners Circle: 15 Entrepreneurs Selected to Participate in ELP3

Fredericton, NB – Fifteen of the region's most successful entrepreneurs were selected to participate in the Wallace McCain Institute's prestigious Entrepreneurial Leaders Program (ELP). The announcement was made today at the Crowne Plaza in Fredericton after an intense two day process of interviews and interaction.

"The finalists emerged from 228 nominations that were received over the last 4 months," said Nancy Mathis, Executive Director of the Wallace McCain Institute for Business Leadership at the University of New Brunswick. "While the competition was fierce, we are confident that the selected entrepreneurs will each bring a unique perspective to the program."

The 15 winners were chosen from a group of twenty-four finalists from across the Maritimes, but the final 15 were all from New Brunswick. This is the third year of the program, and the past two years of participants were on site after the announcement to welcome the new group (below) to the growing circle of highly connected entrepreneurs. (see photos)

Félicien Arseneau Zeltechfab Inc, Tracadie-Sheila Kevin Comeau KLC Management, Bathurst Vincent Cormier Titan Steel, St. Antoine

Denis DesRosiers Sentinel Systems Ltd., Bathurst

Sean Dunbar Northampton Brewing Co. Ltd, Fredericton/Northampton

Eric Fisher, P. Eng. Marathon Fluid Systems Limited, Moncton Marco Gagnon Gagnon Ornamental Works Ltd, Grand Falls

April Glavine Lean Machine Healthy Vending Service Inc, Saint John

Lyne Haché LeBlanc iDConcept, Dieppe

Yennah Hurley DayTripping @ Rockwood Park, Saint John Nicola MacNaughton Occupational Concepts Ltd., Moncton Todd Murphy MedRunner Health Solutions Inc., Saint John

Marc Poirier Timberpart Ltd. Sussex

Mark Stevens Pulse Communications, GeekNet, Encore Interactive, Saint John

Gary Williston Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd, Baie-Sainte-Anne

"When we started this program 3 years ago, we wondered if we would exhaust the supply of high growth potential entrepreneurs after 5 years," said Derek Oland, chairman of the institute's Management Committee, during the banquet following the full day of face-to-face interviews with the finalist. "After today, I don't have that worry any longer. The quality and quantity surpassed my wildest hopes."

Participants in ELP3 are entrepreneurs who have been running their own business for several years, and are ready to "bust out" and take their business to the next stage. ELP is a year-long program that brings these 15 entrepreneurs together for 2 days per month to benefit from guest speakers, tailored workshops and the opportunity to share their experiences and insights.

To learn more about the program, please visit www.wallacemccaininstitute.com/elp

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About the G. Wallace F. McCain Institute

The focus of the G. Wallace F. McCain Institute at the University of New Brunswick is to support the next generation of senior business leaders in the province to meet the complex challenges facing New Brunswick. The program is a catalyst for shifting the business culture of the province and advancing the values of entrepreneurship and innovation. The development and deepening of relationships and networks is fundamental to how the Institute delivers on its mandate.

Programs range in depth – from a very intensive cohort program where high potential leaders will interact in a series of experiences, to one-off workshops and lectures on themes relevant to New Brunswick business issues. The program uses innovative pedagogy to convene people, share best practices, assist in the application of learning, and inspire change. The activity of the institute will be province wide with a physical presence at Beaverbrook House in Saint John.

Management Committee:

Derek Oland Executive Chairman, Moosehead Breweries Ltd

Barry Bisson President, Shad Valley

Greg Kealey Provost and VP Research, University of New Brunswick Andree Savoie President and Managing Partner, Acadian Construction

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