

## Participant Comments

***“If you want to grow your business and are willing to open yourself up within a peer group, the ELP program will be a game changer for you and your business.”*** Mark MacEwen, Linkletter Farms Ltd., Summerside

***“ELP is a family – a source of inspiration, boundless support, and phenomenal catalyst for personal and entrepreneurial growth.”***  
Chris Barker, Genesis Technology, Fall River

***“ELP has been an exceptional experience to advance my personal and professional growth and form lifelong relationships.”***  
Ryan Murphy, Murphy Healthcare, Charlottetown

***“It's a remarkable experience to receive assistance and support from brilliant people whose only agenda is your success.”***  
Michael Coleman, M&R Ventures, Moncton

***“I never had the pleasure of meeting Wallace McCain. But, if the WMI and the ELP program have been designed in his image, the reflection is that of a man of fierce loyalty and integrity. In an era of digital communication and networking online, the ELP program drives home the value of building strong, deep networks as you grow and develop your business. This is not unique to Atlantic Canada but here, through the WMI, entrepreneurs are given the opportunity to learn from established business leaders, build their personal and professional brand and carry forward the message that Atlantic Canada is a great place to do business.”*** Patti Ryan, Health QR Inc., Halifax

***“ELP & the Wallace McCain Institute creates exceptional change in ourselves, which will create exceptional entrepreneurs in Atlantic Canada, which will create an exceptional Canada for us all!”***  
Steven Jackson, Sperra Construction Group Inc., Charlottetown

***“ELP is an opportunity to discover two things you didn't know existed: your renewed transformational inner strengths and a strong extended family that shares the same passion, challenges, and aspirations as you do.”***  
Karim Bhibah, Marathon Fluid Systems Limited, Moncton



1<sup>st</sup> row: Melanie R Desjardins, Patti Ryan, Danielle Pelletier  
 2<sup>nd</sup> row: Steven Jackson, Chris Hotchkiss, Michael Coleman,  
 Ryan Murphy, Mark Harris  
 3<sup>rd</sup> row: Paul Fowler, Michael Van Meekeren, Karim Bhibah,  
 Mark MacEwen  
 4<sup>th</sup> row: Dave Wolpin, Brent Smith, Melody Munro, Chris Barker

***“On the business vs in the business. Working in a 40 year old family business, it's easy to get stuck in day to day routine. The ELP program has held me accountable to complete goals that will bring our company to the next level. Such a network of high caliber entrepreneurs is a hard to find outside the WMI.”***  
Mark Harris, Action Fasteners Ltd., Moncton

***“A great opportunity to step back, establish the next set of objectives and strategize on how to attain these goals. All of this, while being surrounded by colleagues and mentors with a wealth of experience and knowledge who genuinely care to see you succeed. An invaluable experience - truly inspiring both professionally and personally!”***  
Danielle Pelletier, Autism Intervention Services, Fredericton

***“WMI ELP offers a network of inspiring and insightful mentorship to a diverse entrepreneurial group. The resulting interaction creates an unprecedented opportunity for personal transformation and growth.”***  
Paul Fowler, Wrightland Development Corporation, St. John's

***“It's like being alone blindfolded and jumping off a cliff into deep dark water, and then resurfacing eyes wide open with 15 other people that understand everything that just happened...a life changing experience.”*** Chris Hotchkiss, Hotchkiss Home Furnishings Ltd., Fredericton

***“ELP teaches you what you didn't know that you didn't know in an environment you never knew existed. If you don't think you have time for something like this, it is perfect for you.”***  
Dave Wolpin, Kredl's Corner Market, Hampton

***“Through the WMI I have been surrounded by likeminded individuals who have embraced, inspired and challenged me to be a greater contributor to my overall wellbeing in life, business and community.”*** Melody Munro, Wee College Inc, Moncton

***“The Entrepreneurial Leadership Program is such an outgoing experience that can't be explained with words but rather something that has to be lived to fully understand its potential and benefits. It is for me my getaway week end where I focus on myself both personally and professionally, and to have such an amazing group of entrepreneurs, and mentors to share this experience with is what makes it even more special.”*** Mélanie R. Desjardins, Glibert M. Rioux et fils Itee, Grand Falls

***“Wow! Exciting to be part of an exceptional family of committed entrepreneurs cultivating success in life and business, nourished by the world class WMI ELP program.”***  
Michael Van Meekeren, Van Meekeren Farms Ltd., Lakeville

***“ELP8 is making me a stronger, more confident and more focused entrepreneur and is broadening the horizons of what I know I'm capable of growing, building and influencing in myself, my company and my region.”***  
Brent Smith, Newfoundland Chocolate Company, St. John's