

UNB GRADUATES AMONG WINNERS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERS PROGRAM

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University of New Brunswick graduates are among the 15 successful entrepreneurs selected to participate in the Wallace McCain Institute's prestigious Entrepreneurial Leaders Program (ELP). The announcement was made this week after an intense two-day process of interviews and interaction.

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

The winners, all from New Brunswick, were chosen from a group of 24 finalists from across the Maritimes. Two-time UNB graduate Sean Dunbar, co-founder and principal owner of Northampton Brewing Co. Ltd. in Fredericton/Northampton, was one of the winners. Todd Murphy of MedRunner Health Solutions, and UNB MBA graduate, also received a nod.

The other winners were: Félicien Arseneau, Zeltechfab Inc.; Kevin Comeau, KLC Management; Vincent Cormier, Titan Steel; Denis DesRosiers, Sentinel Systems Ltd.; Eric Fisher, Marathon Fluid Systems Limited; Marco Gagnon, Gagnon Ornamental Works Ltd.; April Glavine, Lean Machine Healthy Vending Service Inc.; Lyne Haché LeBlanc, iDConcept; Yennah Hurley, DayTripping @ Rockwood Park; Nicola MacNaughton, Occupational Concepts Ltd.; Todd Murphy, MedRunner Health Solutions Inc.; Marc Poirier, Timberpart Ltd.; Mark Stevens, Pulse Communications, GeekNet, Encore; InteractiveGary Williston Theriault & Hachey Peat Moss Ltd.

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

This is the third year of the program. Past participants were on site after the announcement to welcome the new group to the growing circle of highly connected entrepreneurs.

"When we started this program three years ago, we wondered if we would exhaust the supply of high growth potential entrepreneurs after five years," said Derek Oland, chairman of the institute's Management Committee. "After today, I don't have that worry any longer. The quality and quantity surpassed my wildest hopes."

To learn more about the Wallace McCain Institute's Entrepreneurial Leaders Program, visit www.wallacemccaininstitute.com/elp.

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.

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