

Entrepreneurs picked for program

Seventeen will take part in Wallace McCain Institute's Entrepreneurial Leaders Program

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Seventeen high-growth potential entrepreneurs were recently chosen to participate in the fifth year of the Wallace McCain Institute's Entrepreneurial Leaders Program.

"It was not an easy decision to select these participants from the many exceptional entrepreneurs," said Nancy Mathis, executive director of the Wallace McCain Institute for Business Leadership at the University of New Brunswick. Thirty-three finalists were interviewed from a pool of 385 nominated entrepreneurs from Ontario to Newfoundland.

"After three years as a judge, it thrills me to see the quality and quantity of the high-growth potential entrepreneurs we have in this region," said Francis McGuire, chairman of the institute's Management Committee and CEO of Major Drilling in Moncton.

Seven judges interviewed the finalists over two days and then after a series of activities reminiscent of a reality TV show, the envelopes were distributed to the finalists which announced the selection. This is the first year that entrepreneurs from P.E.I. were chosen.

"It's starting to sink in," said H el ene Eusanio of Atlantic Compressed Air Ltd. in Moncton, one of the successful finalists. "It is such a privilege to have the opportunity to get involved with the WMI and this amazing group. I look forward to many enlightening and empowering



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discussions."

The participants in the ELPTM are entrepreneurs who are striving to grow their businesses to new heights. The cohort will meet for monthly sessions and will benefit from guest speakers, tailored workshops and the opportunity to share their experiences and insights. This group joins a thriving alumni that has committed to meet quarterly for the rest of their lives.

This year's winners are:

- Patrick Albert, Acadia Group of Companies, Dieppe.
- Justin Beaulieu, Beaulieu Plumbing and Mechanical, Ed-

mundston.

- Ren e Blanchard, Blanchard Group, Dunlop.
- Chris Boudreau, IBL - Clinic Server, Saint John.
- Glenn Cox, ZengoInc, Stratford.
- H el ene Eusanio, Atlantic Compressed Air Ltd., Moncton.
- Donnie Fillmore, Atlantic Pacific Transport, Clairville.
- Marc Gallant, FIC Holdings Inc. (group of companies), Rosairville.
- Crystal Lavall e, ViTRAK Systems Inc., Charlottetown.
- Mathieu LeBlanc, ACFOR

Forestry Management, Cocagne.

- Ian Lucas, Scene Sharp Technologies Incorporated, Fredericton.
 - Nick Matheson, One to One Wellness Centre, Halifax.
 - Yan Simard, Zaptap, Fredericton.
 - Paul Simmonds, Robert Simmonds Inc., Fredericton.
 - Cathy Sweet, ComzstarInc, Moncton.
 - Dave Veale, Vision Coaching Inc., Saint John.
 - Lisa Williams, Unicare Home Health Care Inc., Miramichi.
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