

Sussex entrepreneurs chosen for prestigious business program

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SUSSEX • Two Sussex business people have been chosen to be part of an elite business program at the University of New Brunswick.

The Wallace McCain Institute at UNB chose Angela Cummings and Rosalyn Hyslop as part of its 11th cohort of its Entrepreneurial Leaders Program. The two are among 28 entrepreneurs who were chosen out of 405 nominations.

"I've never been so excited," Cummings said. "I had wanted this more than I wanted anything in a long time. I wanted this so bad I lightened my load for the next year in anticipation of getting into this group."

The program will involve the business leaders meeting for two days every month over the next year in all four Atlantic provinces with speakers and peer interaction, according to a press release.

Once the first year is completed, the alumni will commit to continue to meet quarterly.

Cummings and Hyslop were nominated to be part of the program by Blair Hyslop, who co-owns Mrs. Dunster's bakery, Kredl's Corner Market in Hampton and the recently acquired Mc-Buns bakery in Moncton with Rosalyn.

Cummings opened The Sleep Clinic in 2013 in Roachville, a clinic that does testing and treatment for sleep apnea and sells CPAP masks, supplies and machines. She then opened a clinic in Kennebecasis Valley and is moving her Roachville location to the Sussex Health Centre. She also serves as the president of the Sussex Chamber of Commerce.

Cummings said Blair has been an important business mentor for her.

"I was able to see how well he runs his business and work on committees," she said. "He gets so much done but still



Angela Cummings PHOTO: FACEBOOK



Rosalyn Hyslop PHOTO: SUBMITTED

is so much fun to work with. He's efficient and effective but so much fun at same time. That's exactly [the] business owner I want to be."

The group of 28 entrepreneurs have a collective economic footprint of \$138 million in revenue and 602 employees across the Greater Atlantic Area, the release said.

Cummings said she hopes to sharpen her business skills through the program.

"I hope to develop and improve my confidence in my business, to develop my judgment with business decisions and to be able to make fast decisions without 100 per cent of the facts," she said. "I'm also looking forward to

meeting lifelong friends and being part of the Wallace McCain Institute family."

For Rosalyn, it was when her husband and business partner Blair, an alumni of the program, came home and shared his experiences with her that she too decided to set her sights on it.

"It's such a wonderful program that brings like-minded entrepreneurs supporting each other," she said. "Building a better Atlantic Canada is exciting too."

Rosalyn said she is excited to gain support from and be of support to other business people.

"Just to have support from people who have the same issues as you and just talk that out can be a game changer for other entrepreneurs."