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OCTOBER 23, 2025

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5:00 PM



HONOURING LAUREATES

**JO-ANN FISHER
DALE HUNTER
MARK HUNTER**

OUR MISSION

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*The Boston Consulting Group (2011 report)

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OUR MISSION

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JA graduates are more likely to launch businesses and create jobs. Through our entrepreneurship programs, students gain firsthand experience in running a business. They work with mentors from their local business communities to create strategies and manage companies. Many business leaders cite JA's Company Program as the catalyst that gave them the ambition to launch a business and the skills to do so successfully.

HOW WE ACHIEVE

JA GRADUATES ARE 50% MORE LIKELY TO OPEN A BUSINESS.*

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2025 LAUREATES
**JO-ANN FISHER,
DALE HUNTER AND MARK HUNTER**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



WELCOME TO THE 35TH LONDON AND DISTRICT BUSINESS HALL OF FAME!

TONIGHT, WE GATHER TO HONOUR THREE EXCEPTIONAL LEADERS: JO-ANN FISHER, PRINCIPAL & FOUNDER OF HANGAR9, DALE HUNTER, PRESIDENT / HEAD COACH / OWNER OF LONDON KNIGHTS, AND MARK HUNTER, VICE PRESIDENT / GENERAL MANAGER / OWNER OF LONDON KNIGHTS.

This evening, we celebrate leaders who remind us that success is not only about growth, but about resilience, relationships, and the ability to lift others up along the way. We are proud to induct Jo-Ann Fisher, Founder of Hangar9, and Dale & Mark Hunter of the London Knights into the London and District Business Hall of Fame.

Jo-Ann has built her life's work around one simple belief: that authentic connections matter more than sales. From her early days as a Mary Kay consultant to founding Hangar9 four decades ago, she has redefined fashion as a tool for empowerment. By pioneering the capsule wardrobe

concept, she showed how innovation can make life simpler, more sustainable, and more accessible. Her story is one of determination, family legacy, and unwavering commitment to helping women feel confident in their own skin.

Dale and Mark Hunter have left an equally powerful mark through sport and community leadership. Since purchasing the London Knights in 2000, they have built not only a winning team but also a cornerstone of civic pride. The Knights' success has lifted London's profile far beyond our borders, while their mentorship of young players, both on and off the ice, has prepared the next generation of

leaders. Through their commitment to the community, the Hunters have also shown how sports organizations can be engines of social good.

In a time when many businesses and families are navigating uncertainty, Jo-Ann, Dale, and Mark remind us of what truly endures: vision, integrity, and a commitment to people. Their leadership demonstrates that no matter your industry, lasting success comes from strengthening the community around you.

That same belief is at the heart of Junior Achievement South Western Ontario. Tonight's Gala will help give local students the skills to manage money wisely, explore careers, and see themselves as future entrepreneurs. These are the tools that build resilience, and the confidence to thrive, even in the most challenging times.

As we celebrate tonight's Laureates, let us also embrace the call to action their stories inspire. By investing in our youth, we are investing in a stronger, more vibrant future for all.

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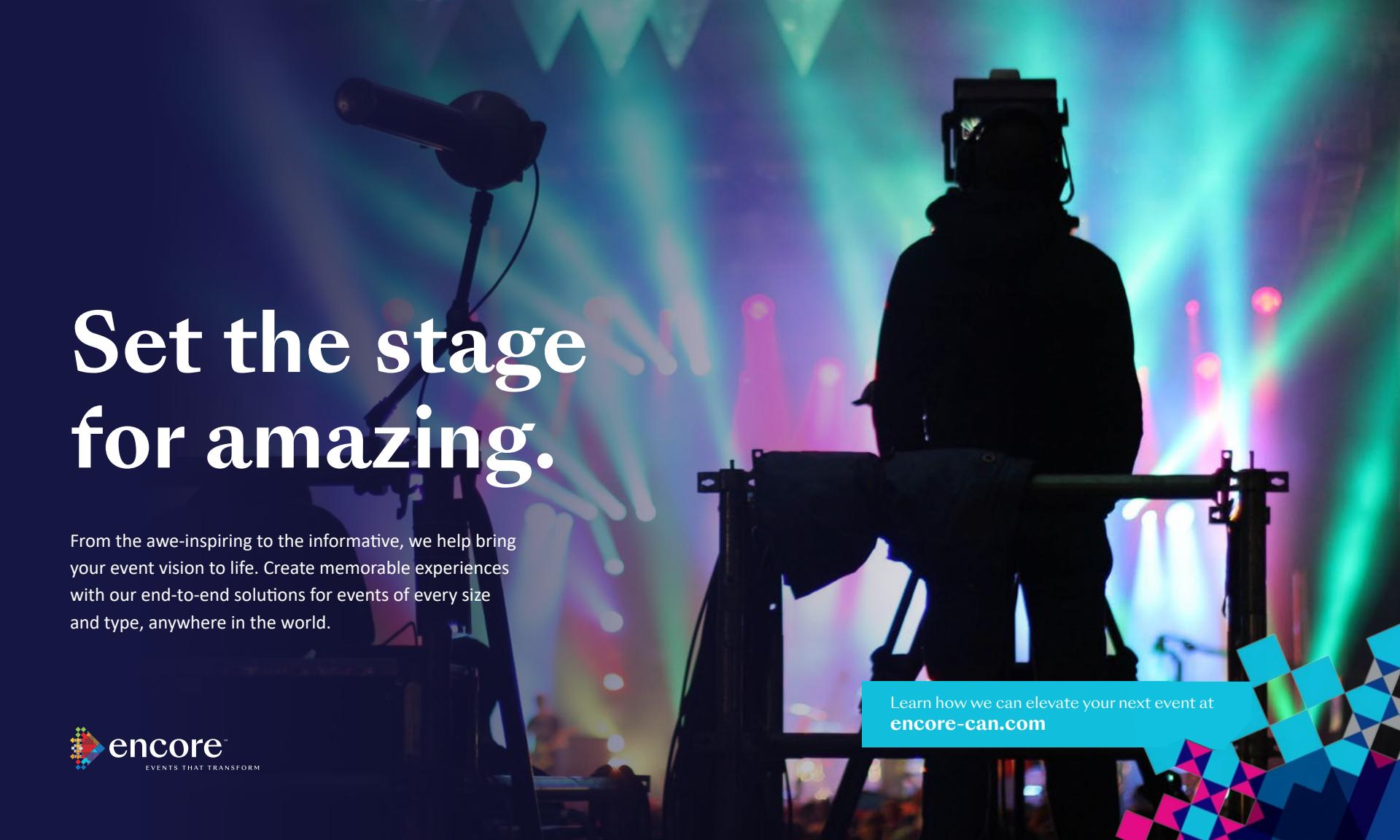
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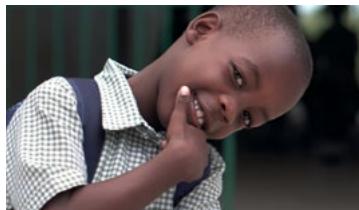
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GRADE 9-12

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GRADE 9-12

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1991

*Colonel Thomas F.G. Lawson
J. Allyn Taylor*

1992

*William Mowbray Sifton
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1993

*Edwin R. Jarmain
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1994

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1995

*Donald J. Smith
Colonel J. Gordon Thompson*

1997

*Jack W. Adams
Earl H. Orser*

1998

*Ron Logan and Gord Patton
Merv L. Lahn*

2005

*T. Brayl Copp
Peter J. Ivey*

1999

*Richard G. Ivey
T. Fred Kingsmill*

2006

*H.J. (Hank) Vander Laan
Henry J. Jones*

2000

*Tony J. Crncich Sr.
J. Allyn Taylor
(Laureate of the Century Tribute)*

2007

*General Alexander R. McIntosh
John C. Nash*

2001

*Ronald C. Dawson
Norton P. Wolf*

2008

*Gloria Dona
Dr. Geno Francolini*

2002

*Andrew M. Spriet
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2009

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2003

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2010

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2004

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2011

*Perry Ferguson
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2012

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2013

*Tony Marsman
Howard Rundle*

2014

*Denis Crane & Wayne Dunn
Terry Zavitz*

2015

*Vito Frijia
Colonel James G. Thompson*

2016

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2017

*John Drake
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JO-ANN FISHER

PRINCIPAL & FOUNDER
HANGAR9

Jo-Ann Fisher's entrepreneurial journey began with a passion for empowering women, first sparked through her work as a Mary Kay beauty consultant. She quickly discovered that her true calling was helping women feel confident through personal style.

In 1985, Jo-Ann opened her first boutique in London, Ontario, laying the foundation for what would become Hangar9—a trusted name in Canadian fashion for over 40 years, expanding to a location in Toronto and building an eCommerce presence.

From the start, Jo-Ann's philosophy has been simple yet powerful: relationships always come before sales. She believes in putting clients

first, building trust through authentic connection and personalized care.

A pioneer in her field, Jo-Ann was an early adopter of the capsule wardrobe concept. She developed the Hangar9 Formula— $[H9] + 9 = 36$ —designed to simplify wardrobe decisions through nine essential pieces that create 36 versatile looks. The formula reflects her commitment to helping women save time, invest wisely, and enjoy fashion without stress.

Four decades later, Jo-Ann remains actively involved with Hangar9—as a stylist, strategist, leader and the heart of Hangar9's community. She shares her passion for fashion and entrepreneurship with her three daughters, who now lead the family-run business and carry on its mission.

Her contributions have earned her numerous accolades over the years, including the Business Integrity Award, Enterprising Family of the Year, eCommerce Business of the Year, Best Places to Work, and Best Women's Clothing Store in London.

At the core of it all is Jo-Ann's unwavering mission: to help women uncover a style that reflects who they are, and gives them the confidence to take on each day. Through Hangar9 she continues to inspire women to see fashion not as a trend to follow—but as a powerful expression of self.



DALE & MARK HUNTER

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VP, GENERAL MANAGER (MARK)
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Dale and Mark Hunter bought the London Knights with Basil McRae in May of 2000. They went on to help build the John Labatt Centre in downtown London, which brought new life into the downtown. Under Dale and Mark's leadership, the Knights have turned into one of the most successful organizations in the history of the OHL, both on and off the ice, raising the profile of London provincially, nationally and internationally. Under their direction the team's season ticket holder base has grown significantly since the team was first purchased in 2000.

Dale and Mark are well respected in the hockey community, not only in the OHL but also in the NHL. Under their leadership, over 70 London Knights players have gone on to play in the NHL. And many alumni that do not go on to NHL careers credit Dale and Mark in helping them develop into business leaders in the community.

Recently, the London Knights captured their third Memorial Cup title. With the win, the Knights join the Cornwall Royals, Kamloops Blazers, and Windsor Spitfires as the only CHL clubs to claim three Memorial Cup titles since 1972.

Dale and Mark have worked to ensure the Knights make a positive community impact through active engagement in community events and have led by example with a strong work ethic, continually dedicating themselves to nurturing young people to reach their potential. Their motto is "hopeful and humble", reflecting their approach to business and life. They give back to the community personally and through the London Knights Alumni Foundation which has donated millions of dollars to local charities since 2000 and continue to give back in many ways.

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ENTREE

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KEIRA SPITZER

Keira Spitzer is a driven leader with a passion for entrepreneurship and mentorship. As a member of JA Canada's Youth Advisory Council and a participant in the Company Program, she supports young entrepreneurs in building and managing real-world businesses. Her accomplishments include being named JA Salesperson of the Year for three consecutive years, alongside other awards for her entrepreneurial achievements.

Co-founder of Swim on Sydenham, a thriving swim school, Keira combines her leadership and management skills to create a safe, inclusive environment for her community.

A competitive dancer, she brings the same discipline and drive to the stage as she does to her professional and academic pursuits. Keira is currently commencing studies at Western University for Business Management and Organizational studies with Ivey AEO, continuing her journey to inspire and empower those around her.



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- Vision:** Represented by a magnifying glass icon.
- Positive Attitude:** Represented by a target icon.
- Sense of Humor:** Represented by two smiling faces with plus signs.
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TRIBUTE TO OUR FORMER CEO & PRESIDENT



IN MEMORY OF BEVERLY MAY ROBINSON (1956–2025)

Former President & CEO, Junior Achievement South Western Ontario

Tonight, as we celebrate leadership and community impact, we also pause to remember our own **Bev Robinson**, a visionary leader and lifelong champion for local youth.

Bev believed deeply in the power of possibility. After a successful career at IBM, she devoted more than 20 years to **Junior Achievement London and District / South Western Ontario**, including over 13 years as President and CEO. During her tenure, Bev inspired growth, innovation, and hope in countless students.

Bev led with authenticity and heart, always believing that one great idea, supported by courage and community, could change a life. And although JA supports thousands of students every year, Bev always emphasized to the team that if just one student took something away from a JA experience then we were making a difference.

Bev Robinson's legacy lives on in every young person who dares to dream and build a brighter future. She will be missed.

Bev established a **Memorial Scholarship Fund** as part of her legacy. This scholarship will support JA Company Program participants who are pursuing post-secondary education and demonstrate financial need—a reflection of Bev's belief that every young person deserves the opportunity to achieve their dreams.

Those wishing to honour her memory may contribute to the fund at jaswo.org/donate.



IN MEMORY OF BARRY PATRICK JOSEPH FITZGERALD (1955–2025)

Former President & CEO, Junior Achievement London and District

We also remember Barry Fitzgerald, an eternal optimist, entrepreneur, and dreamer whose passion for community and mentorship left a lasting mark. A former President & CEO of JA London and District and longtime Company Program mentor, Barry helped generations of students to see opportunity where others saw obstacles.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

JA South Western Ontario invites nominations for the London & District Business Hall of Fame, Innovator Award, and JA Alumni Award of Achievement. Help us celebrate visionary leaders, changemakers, and JA alumni making a lasting impact in our community.

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION BY THE DEADLINES:

Hall of Fame – Dec. 15, 2025

Innovator – Feb. 28, 2026

Alumni – July 31, 2026

Visit jaswo.org/LBHF to submit!



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An advertisement for the JA Company Program. It features a woman in a yellow sweater jumping in the air on the left, and text on the right. The text reads: "Start a business. START HERE." with a QR code. Below this, it says: "JA COMPANY PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BEGINS OCTOBER 28TH! jaswo.org/company-program/" and the JA logo.



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