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JAMIE CRICH & KAREN CRICH

OUR MISSION

IMAGINE A GENERATION OF STUDENTS ARMED WITH THE CONFIDENCE AND SKILLS TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR FUTURES, EQUIPPED TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS...

At JA South Western Ontario, we believe in the boundless potential of youth—and we create opportunities for them to explore this potential through hands-on learning.

JA equips young people with the employment and entrepreneurship skills and mindsets they need to succeed. By building abilities and nurturing self-belief, JA prepares youth for the future of work, ensures they have the tools to be financially capable adults, and teaches them to think entrepreneurially.

JA INSPIRES YOUTH AND PREPARES THEM TO SUCCEED IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY.

JA South Western Ontario works with schools to deliver experiential programs in the classroom to students in Grades 4-12. We offer a range of experiences from bite-sized virtual learning to larger conference events. We also work directly with students through self-directed online learning, after school programming, and summer camps.

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Graduates from JA programs save more and borrow less than the average Canadian. In our financial health programs, students learn how to create and manage wealth. They develop real-world skills that they can apply to their lives immediately – such as budgeting, investing and aligning their financial choices with their goals.

HOW WE ACHIEVE

SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF ACHIEVERS STATED THAT JA HAS HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR FINANCIAL LITERACY AND DECISION-MAKING SKILLS.*

**The Boston Consulting Group (2011 report)*

WORK READINESS

JA inspires students to stay in school and prepares them to succeed in tomorrow's jobs. Through our programs, students learn how to translate their interests and skills into successful careers. They also develop practical job skills such as interviewing, communications and critical thinking.

HOW WE ACHIEVE

SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT OF ACHIEVERS STATED THAT JA HAS HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THEIR DECISIONS TO STAY IN SCHOOL AND ENROLL IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.*

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OUR MISSION

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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.

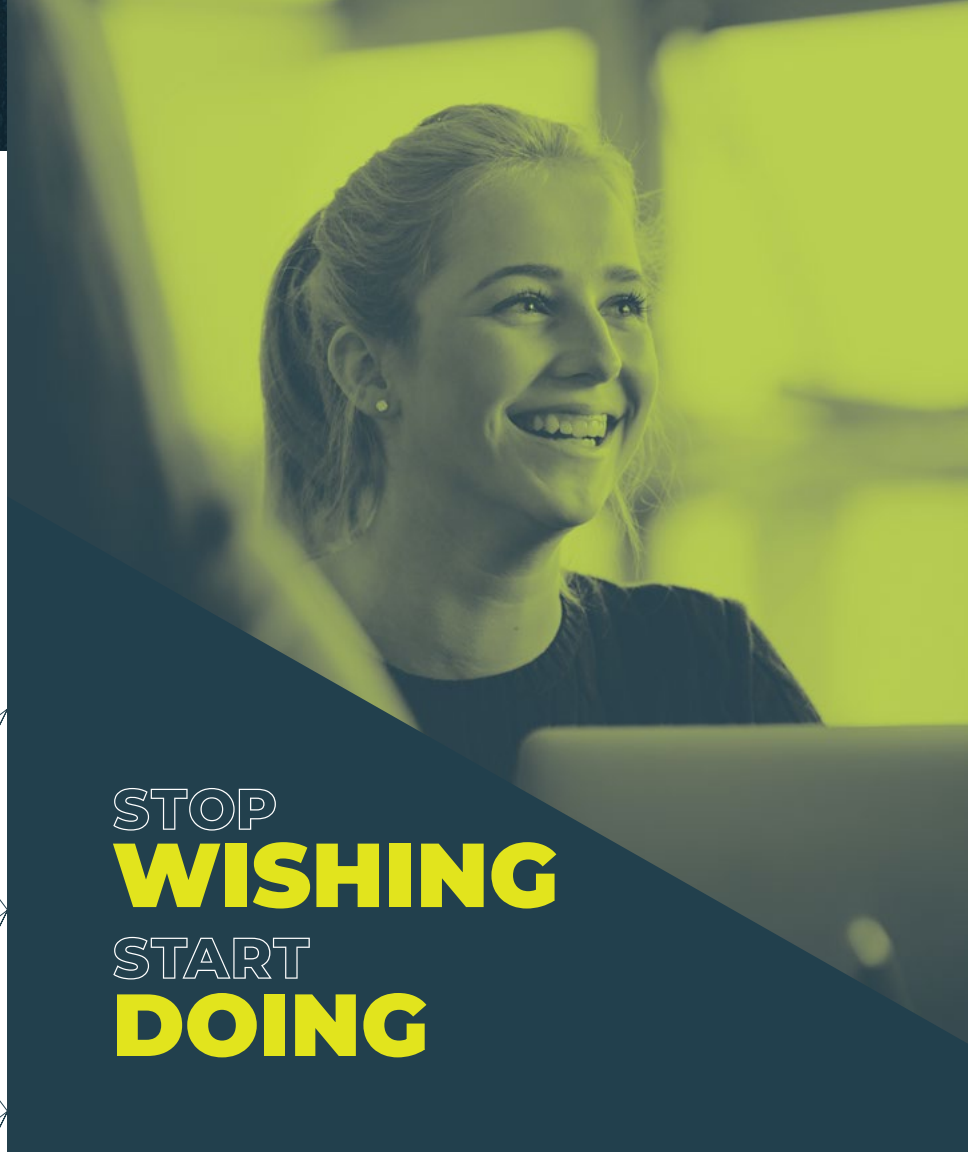
HOW WE ACHIEVE

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

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2026 LAUREATES

JAMIE CRICH AND KAREN CRICH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



WELCOME TO THE 36TH ANNUAL LONDON AND DISTRICT BUSINESS HALL OF FAME GALA!

Tonight, we gather to honour Jamie Crich and the late Karen Crich of Auburn Group, whose contributions to business, community, and philanthropy have helped shape Southwestern Ontario.

London continues to grow and change, and the decisions we make each day help establish its future. That makes it even more important to have leaders who think long term, invest in our region, and care about the people who call it home.

Jamie and Karen Crich put that commitment into practice through their work at Auburn Group and their involvement in the wider community. Together, they built on a family legacy to grow Auburn Group into one of Southwestern Ontario's premier real estate development, homebuilding, and property management companies. Their dedication to excellence has created places where people live, work, and want to put down roots.

Jamie has guided the company's strategic direction while contributing to the broader business landscape through his leadership with organizations such as the London Development Institute and the London Economic Development Corporation. His work reflects a commitment to thoughtful development that will serve people well for years to come.

Karen brought exceptional financial expertise, attention to detail, and a creative eye to Auburn's projects. Her work spanned development, property management, financing, negotiations, and design. She was also a passionate advocate for education and skilled trades, helping create opportunities for the next generation. Tonight's induction recognizes not only her many professional contributions, but also the lasting difference she made to her company and community.

Together, Jamie and Karen carried forward a family tradition of business leadership and philanthropy. Their story reminds us that a lasting legacy is about more than what we build. It's also about the opportunities we create for others and the difference we make in their lives.

That same idea drives the work of Junior Achievement South Western Ontario. Through hands-on learning in financial health, work readiness, and entrepreneurship, we help youth develop skills and self-assurance to explore their potential and prepare for their future. As young people consider what lies ahead, we want them to have the knowledge and confidence to find their way and make the most of the opportunities before them.

Tonight's Gala brings these priorities together: celebrating people who have impacted our region while helping local students build a brighter tomorrow. With the support of our sponsors, donors, and guests, we can bring these learning experiences to more young people across Southwestern Ontario.

Thank you for joining us and for supporting the London and District Business Hall of Fame and the work of JA South Western Ontario. I hope you enjoy this evening as we celebrate Jamie Crich, remember Karen Crich, and recognize everything the legacy they have built.

With appreciation,

Karen Gallant
President & CEO



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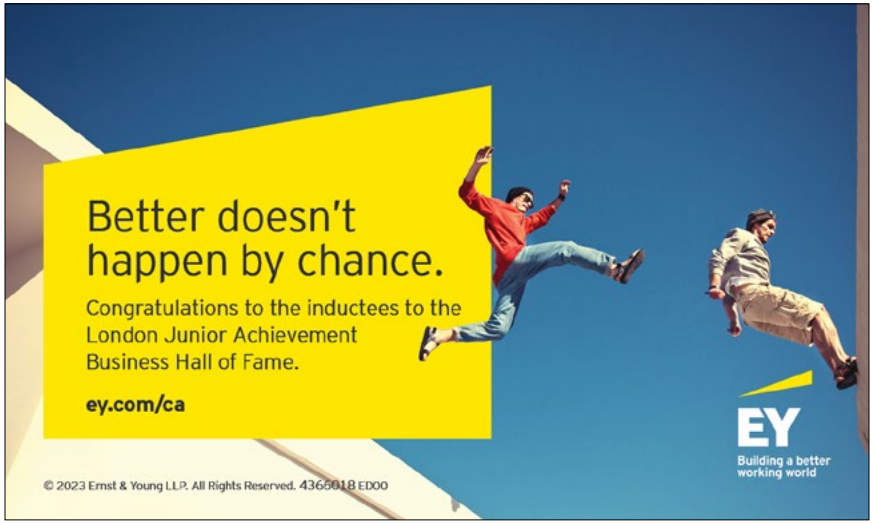
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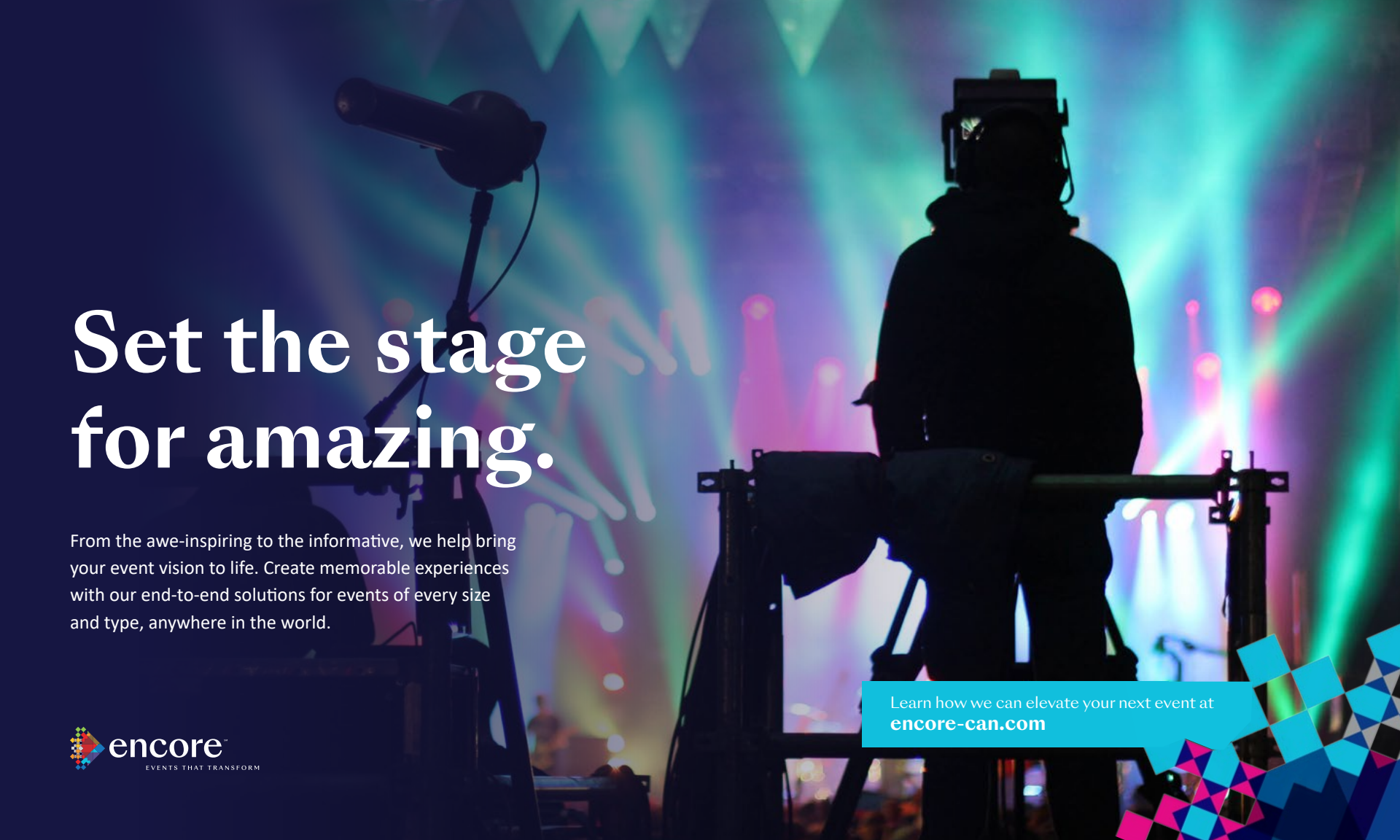
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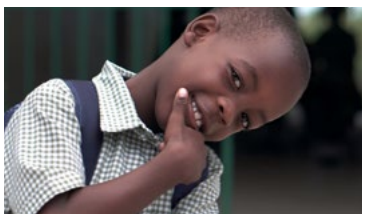
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JA WORKS WITH SCHOOLS TO DELIVER EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMS IN THE CLASSROOM TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-12. WE ALSO WORK DIRECTLY WITH STUDENTS THROUGH SELF-DIRECTED ONLINE LEARNING AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING.

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GRADE 4 | More Than Money

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Pitch Your Vision Jr. | GRADE 5-8

Pitch Your Vision Junior lets students explore entrepreneurship by brainstorming, researching, planning, and pitching a business idea in a fun, hands-on classroom competition.

GRADE 7 | Dollars with Sense

JA Dollars With Sense equips students with money management skills to make smart choices, avoid debt, and start building financial confidence they can use right away.





Economics for Success | GRADE 8

JA Economics for Success lets students see the value of education, build a budget, and explore skills for today's workforce, linking school to future goals and success.

GRADE 7-12 | Career Hunt

JA Career Hunt online lets students explore careers, learn steps for success, join as a class or individually, and engage in Q&A sessions across a variety of fields.





Success Skills | GRADE 8-12

In Success Skills, students define personal success, learn communication techniques, and build a toolkit of transferable skills to thrive in school, work, and life.

JA PROGRAMS

GRADE 9-12 | investment STRATEGIES

JA provides teachers with resources on key investment concepts and a 6-week online simulation using live data to apply skills in real-world scenarios.





pitch your VISION | GRADE 9-12

Students develop and test business ideas, brainstorming, researching, prototyping, planning, and pitching, with opportunities to compete with other students regionally.

GRADE 9-12 | PERSONAL FINANCE

Students learn the importance of budgeting, saving, making informed credit choices, and protecting themselves from financial risks.





be entrepreneurial | GRADE 9-12

Students explore what it means to be an entrepreneur by identifying target markets, analyzing competitive advantages, and developing a business plan and strategy.

GRADE 9-12 | WORLD OF CHOICES

Students explore careers through roundtable discussions with professionals, learning the skills, experience, and planning needed to succeed in their chosen fields.





COMPANY PROGRAM | GRADE 9-12

Gain hands-on experience in business and entrepreneurship. Students team up to create, launch, and manage a product or service over 15–18 weeks.

GRADE 3-12 | QUICK INSPIRATIONS

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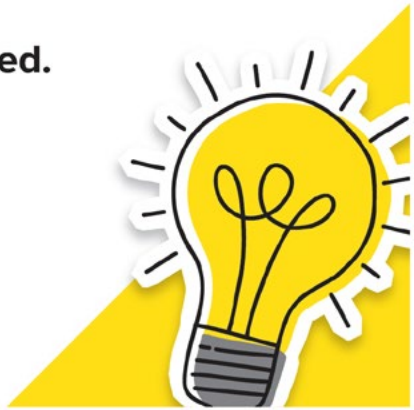
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J. Allyn Taylor

1992
William Mowbray Sifton
Walter J. Blackburn

1993
Edwin R. Jarmain
Sir Adam Beck

1994
A.M. (Mac) Cuddy
Colonel D.B. Weldon

1995
Donald J. Smith
Colonel J. Gordon Thompson

1997
Jack W. Adams
Earl H. Orser

1998
Ron Logan and Gord Patton
Merv L. Lahn

1999
Richard G. Ivey
T. Fred Kingsmill

2000
Tony J. Crncich Sr.
J. Allyn Taylor
(Laureate of the Century Tribute)

2001
Ronald C. Dawson
Norton P. Wolf

2002
Andrew M. Spriet
John (Jake) H. Moore

2003
Warren R. Schram
Mitchell A. Baran

2004
David Patchell-Evans
Captain Joseph Jeffery

2005
T. Brayl Copp
Peter J. Ivey

2006
H.J. (Hank) Vander Laan
Henry J. Jones

2007
General Alexander R. McIntosh
John C. Nash

2008
Gloria Dona
Dr. Geno Francolini

2009
Sheldon Aaron
Donald J. McDougall

2010
Bill Brady
Bob Siskind

2011
Perry Ferguson
John Strybosch

2012
Paul Cocker
Carol Stephenson

2013
Tony Marsman
Howard Rundle

2014
Denis Crane & Wayne Dunn
Terry Zavitz

2015
Vito Frijia
Colonel James G. Thompson

2016
Don Crich
Ken Kalopsis & Paul Seed

2017
John Drake
Mike Smith

2018
William H. (Bill) Gray
Claude Pensa

2019
Jeff Macoun
Richard Sifton

2020
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Ewart & Edwin McLaughlin

2021
Karen Fryday-Field
Joel McLean

2022
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JAMIE CRICH

PRINCIPAL, AUBURN GROUP

Jamie Crich is the President of Auburn Group and leads the organization's strategic direction, land development, and construction operations. Building on a multi-generational family legacy, Jamie has always been the visionary behind the company, playing a key role in growing Auburn Group into one of Southwestern Ontario's most established and respected real estate development, homebuilding, and property management companies.

Jamie attended the University of Guelph, for a degree in Business Commerce. Later, Jamie joined Auburn full-time, working closely with his dad and Karen until he became President.

His development experience spans, luxury Class A mid- and high-rise apartments, urban infill developments, and integrated residential, office, and retail projects as well as subdivision development and lifestyle townhouse condo communities.

Jamie's development philosophy emphasizes long-term value creation through thoughtful design, environmental responsibility, and well-planned communities that balance proven neighbourhood principles with modern innovation. This approach has consistently strengthened Auburn's reputation as a disciplined, reliable developer and long-term owner.

Jamie is actively involved in industry and civic leadership. He has served as Chairman of the London Development Institute and Chairman of the London Economic Development Corporation. He has also held advisory and member positions with the City of London Development Charge Committee, the London and Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber of Commerce, the City of London Building & Liaison Committee, the Grand Theatre Foundation Board, the LHSC Cardiac Care Cabinet, the City of London Economic Road Map Advisory Committee, and the City Council Housing Leadership Committee.

Jamie has a long history of philanthropic involvement, building on the legacy of his father and the shared commitment he and Karen brought to community giving. He dedicates time, energy, and financial support to meaningful causes that help lay the groundwork for a brighter future.

Jamie is a proud father who loves travel, sports, cottage life, and spending time with family and friends.



KAREN CRICH

PRINCIPAL, AUBURN GROUP

Karen Crich joined the family business after graduating from Western University with an HBA. From there, she articled, and earned, her Chartered Accountant designation at Coopers and Lybrand. Karen was a scholarship recipient, a top five Canadian-ranked long-distance runner, and a Western varsity athlete.

Karen was a driving force in a primarily male-dominated industry. She was involved in every aspect of the company, juggling the development of multiple condominium projects while leading TerraCorp Property Management and overseeing 36 apartment buildings across multiple cities. Karen had a brilliant financial mind, incredible attention to detail, and exceptional negotiation skills. Her responsibilities ranged from negotiating contracts and structuring complex financings to being hands-on with design decisions across the company's portfolio. She worked closely with Jamie on Auburn land developments, and construction projects.

She did all this while raising two children and commuting weekly from Toronto to London.

Karen's creative talent was frequently showcased in new construction projects, where innovative and timeless design was thoughtfully blended with historical elements to preserve the character of the land and buildings. The Barrel Yards, Arrow Lofts, and Proof Kitchen at the Delta Waterloo Hotel are strong examples of her design touch.

Karen's philanthropic activities reflected her generous spirit and deep commitment to community. She and Jamie were known for giving back thoughtfully and with humility. Karen served on the Board of Directors at Fanshawe College and was especially passionate about continued education and skilled trades programming. Together, Karen and Jamie helped establish the Don Crich Skilled Trades Accelerator program at Fanshawe College, giving students the opportunity to explore a range of trades.

Karen's children were the centre of her life and her greatest source of pride and fulfillment. She loved travel, nature, skiing, and cottage life. Her happiest moments were spent at the cottage or on the ski hill with her family.

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Gala

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NADAR GUJRAL

Nadar Gujral is an accomplished student leader and entrepreneur with a proven track record of driving impact through Junior Achievement. Over her involvement in the JA Company Program, she has held multiple key executive roles—serving as President of World Bites, Vice President of Production for Bask-It-All, and Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility for Tote for Hope. Her dedication and strategic leadership have earned her several top honors, including the JA Award of Excellence, Director of the Year, and the Brayl Copp Distinguished Leadership Award.

Beyond entrepreneurship, she brings exceptional discipline, organization, and service-minded leadership from her time as a Warrant Officer 1st Class in the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, as well as active involvement in DECA, Mentors and ASA in school besides founding a chapter of Create for Kids in London, Ontario; a non-profit that aims to bring light into lives of children in pediatric care.

Nadar is currently pursuing her undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto in the Rotman Commerce program. She remains passionate about expanding her expertise in business management, leadership, and social responsibility to continue empowering local and student communities.




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