

## **London and District Business Hall of Fame**

### **Call for Laureate Nominations 2026**

## London and District Business Hall of Fame

Established by Junior Achievement of London and District in 1990, the London and District Business Hall of Fame honours the lifetime achievements of London and area's most distinguished individuals who have helped shape our community through their business success, entrepreneurial spirit and philanthropic contributions. These distinguished leaders have planted the seeds of greatness that today's youth will harvest to create their future.

Inductees are nominated by their peers and chosen by a selection committee. This year's Laureates will be welcomed into the London and District Business Hall of Fame at the 2026 Induction Ceremonies and Gala Dinner on October 22, 2026, at the RBC Place London (as possible).

Honoured Past Laureates of the London and District Business Hall of Fame:

1990

John Labatt II  
Henry Joseph McManus

1991

Thomas Frederick George Lawson  
James Allyn Taylor

1992

William Mowbray Sifton  
Walter Juxon Blackburn

1993

Edwin R. Jarman  
Sir Adam Beck

1994

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

1995

Donald J. Smith  
Colonel J. Gordon Thompson

1997

Jack Adams  
Earl Orser

1998

Ron Logan and Gord Patton  
Merv Lahn

1999

Richard G. Ivey  
Fred Kingsmill

2000

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

2001

Ronald C. Dawson  
Norton P. Wolf

2002

Andrew M. Spriet  
John (Jake) H. Moore

2003

Warren Schram  
Mitchell Baran

2004

David Patchell-Evans  
Captain Joseph Jeffery

2005

Brayl Copp  
Peter J. Ivey

2006

Hank Vander Laan  
Henry James Jones

2007

John C. Nash  
General Alexander R. McIntosh

2008

Gloria Dona  
Geno Francolini

2009

Sheldon Aaron  
Donald J. McDougall

2010

Bill Brady  
Bob Siskind

2011

Perry Ferguson  
John Strybosch

2012

Carol Stephenson  
Paul H. Cocker

2013

Tony Marsman  
Howard Rundle

2014

Terry Zavitz  
Denis Crane and Wayne Dunn

2015

Vito Frijia  
Colonel James G. Thompson

2016

Don Crich  
Ken Kalopsis and Paul Seed

2017

John Drake  
Mike Smith

2018  
Bill Gray  
Claude Pensa

2019  
Jeff Macoun  
Richard Sifton

2020  
Kyle Macdonald  
Ewart & Edwin McLaughlin

2021  
Karen Fryday-Field  
Joel McLean

2022  
Tina Bax  
Michelle Quintyn

2023  
Allan Drewlo  
Jill Wilcox

2024  
Steve Copp  
Ryan Finch

2025  
Jo-Ann Fisher  
Dale & Mark Hunter

## **Junior Achievement**

Junior Achievement (JA) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to educating and inspiring young people about business and entrepreneurship. The JA experience helps young people discover leadership, entrepreneurial and workforce readiness skills so they can achieve their highest potential and future success as citizens in the global community.

JA can be found in more than 100 countries worldwide and is one of the world's largest non-profit organizations dedicated to educating young people about business, work readiness and entrepreneurship. JA has been recognized the world over for the invaluable contribution it has made in educating and shaping tomorrow's business leaders. JA Worldwide has been nominated for the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize, the third nomination in three years.

Since 1955, Junior Achievement in Canada has offered unique, hands-on learning opportunities to future business leaders.

## **Core Values and Mission**

### **Mission**

JA inspires and prepares young people to succeed in a global economy.

### **Values**

- Believe in the boundless potential of young people
- Advocate for the impact of relevant, hands-on learning
- Teach principled, market-based economics and entrepreneurship that build a more sustainable world
- Approach our work with passion, honesty, integrity, and excellence
- Seek out diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and talents in our staff, volunteers, and boards to reflect the geographies and communities we serve
- Nurture the power of partnership and collaboration

### **Vision**

A world in which young people have the skillset and mindset to build thriving communities.

## **London and District Business Hall of Fame Laureate Selection Criteria**

The **London and District Business Hall of Fame** was created to honour those who have shown a vision unique amongst their peers, provided leadership to inspire others to achieve their goals, shown true integrity throughout their lives and have built a legacy in our community that will enrich all those who will follow. By recognizing their achievements, the life of each Business Hall of Fame inductee stands as a testament to the positive impact they have made and acts as a role model for enterprising JA Achievers for generations to come.

The Laureate's entrepreneurial, business and leadership skills, vision, determination and perseverance have helped to shape our city. As role-models and mentors, the Laureates have earned the respect of their peers for their integrity and sound business ethics.

Chosen by a group of their peers, the Laureates selected for induction into the London and District Business Hall of Fame are as much recognized for their impact on the community as they are for their role and success in business. Generous community support and concern are important qualities that can be combined with practical business education to inspire our future business employees and leaders.

## NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Deadline: December 15, 2025**

To nominate a candidate for the London and District Business Hall of Fame, please complete and return the nomination form included at the end of this package no later than **December 15, 2025**.

### **Expectations of the Nominator and Nominee**

If the nominee is selected for this recognition, the nominator will be expected to play an active role in supporting JA South Western Ontario and their promotion of the event. This includes helping to engage key contacts, ensuring JA is connected with individuals or networks that can broaden the reach of the celebration.

Additionally, a critical component of the event is the Laureate Tribute Video, which highlights the achievements and impacts of the honorees. The nominee and/or their designated team will be responsible for collaborating with JA to provide all required components by the specified deadlines in July/August.

By submitting this nomination, the nominator acknowledges these expectations.

**The following instructions must be completed in order for your nomination to be considered; incomplete nominations will not be considered.**

1. **Using point form**, please describe how the candidate meets the following criteria:
  - A. **Vision** – Laureates will have demonstrated outstanding vision as an entrepreneur and/or business leader in one or more of their organizations and achievement at a high level of respect within the business and public communities.
  - B. **Leadership** – Laureates will have demonstrated leadership throughout their lives and have a record of leading others to success.
  - C. **Integrity** – Laureates have a reputation for improving respect for London and District businesses and have utilized his/her influence to further the quality of life through philanthropy and/or community service.
  - D. **Legacy** – The Laureate is widely respected by his/her peers and is considered a role model for future generations of entrepreneurs and business leaders.

2. **A bio and/or updated curriculum vitae must be attached to your nomination (posthumous nominees accepted).** The submission of additional materials that support your nomination is encouraged.

These could include:

- Documentary support such as newspaper and magazine articles, or reference to journals, publications, and coverage in the electronic media
  - Three letters of support, including the names, titles, addresses and contact information of individuals that support this nomination (individual or corporate)
  - A list of the philanthropic or civic organizations to which the nominee belongs or belonged, or has supported in other ways
3. The Laureate selected **must** agree to be present at the Induction Ceremonies and Gala Dinner held on October 22, 2026, in order to be inducted into the London and District Business Hall of Fame.
  4. Nominations may be posthumous. It is expected that a family member will attend the event and accept the award.
  5. Nominations will be compiled and presented for review by an independent selection committee. Some of London's foremost business leaders comprise this year's distinguished panel.
  6. Laureate inductees will be announced in early spring of 2026 at a VIP celebration. The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual London and District Business Hall of Fame Gala will be held on October 22, 2026, at the RBC Place London (as possible).
  7. Please send completed nomination forms and accompanying material to:

JA South Western Ontario  
Attention: London and District Business Hall of Fame Selection Committee  
15 Wharncliffe Road, North  
London, Ontario, N6H 2A1

Or by email to:  
[info@jaswo.org](mailto:info@jaswo.org)

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Business Hall of Fame Laureate Nomination Form  
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Nominees may be any person, living or deceased, who has achieved recognized success in their business life and has been a resident of London and surrounding area.

Full Name of  
**NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Posthumous Nominee?                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

Has the nominee agreed to let their name stand?                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Full Name of  
**NOMINATOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* please note: this information will be kept strictly confidential

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Please provide a brief rationale (in point form) for the nomination into the London and District Business Hall of Fame. (Attach additional pages as needed, i.e. biography, career highlights, community involvement).

**The following must be completed for your nomination to be considered.**

**Vision:**

**Leadership:**

**Integrity:**

**Legacy:**