

**BC Achievement
Foundation**
Annual Report 2018-19



ABOUT US

The British Columbia Achievement Foundation was launched in 2003 to showcase the best of the province, inspire its young people and celebrate BC's great achievers. It is dedicated to celebrating and recognizing the province's spirit of excellence.

BC Achievement is led by a board of directors from a broad cross section of British Columbians.

Mission

To honour excellence and inspire achievement throughout British Columbia.

Vision

BC Achievement recognizes, celebrates and stewards outstanding British Columbians while elevating their stories of excellence; it inspires others to help build stronger and more engaged communities.

Celebrate Excellence. Share Success. Inspire Change.



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It has been an exciting year for BC Achievement as we continue to contribute to BC's social, entrepreneurial and cultural landscape. Our mandate is to elevate the best in the province through awards, recognitions and celebrations. Our refreshed mandate and brand "honouring excellence and inspiring achievement" help us to nurture innovation across the province.



BC Achievement programming creates authentic spaces, celebrations and relationships in which awardees have a voice, join a community and are recognized and honoured. One outcome is an impressive alumni body of mentors, ambassadors, experts and leaders who work, lead and inspire throughout the province and beyond. To date BC Achievement has honoured over 1,200 British Columbians for their commitment to service in their communities. Building on our sixteen years of success, BC Achievement is poised to expand our reach, forge new relationships and develop more programs to promote thriving creative and entrepreneurial practices.



The **Indigenous Business Award (IBA)** annual gala dinner attracted over 600 attendees. We acknowledge our program partner, the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and New Relationship Trust, which remains the program's lead sponsor. The reputation of the IBA program helped attract a total of \$220,000 in sponsorships from a wide cross-section of the business community.

Both the **Fulmer Award in First Nations Art** and the **Carter Wosk Award in Applied Art + Design** returned to Vancouver's Roundhouse Exhibition Hall for a second year, combining a celebration of the artists and of their works. BC Achievement is grateful to the Fulmer Foundation for its significant commitment to the First Nations Art Award program. In addition, we extend our gratitude to Dr. Yosef Wosk who renewed his financial support for the Carter Wosk Award in Applied Art and Design in 2018.

The **BC Achievement Community Award** marked the 16th annual presentation of the award program, celebrating 24 outstanding British Columbians. Held at Government House, and graciously presided over by the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, the celebration shone a warm light on some of BC's best.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

In addition to our ongoing programs, BC Achievement established a number of new strategic alliances this year and anticipates the announcement of new award partnerships in the 2020 program year. A refreshed brand reflects our mission and vision and unifies all programs under BC Achievement.

I am grateful to my fellow Board members for their constant support. They step up as BC Achievement representatives at presentation ceremonies, remaining always engaged and committed. Each Board member serves as an enthusiastic ambassador for our work and those we recognize. We are grateful for the government members of our board; BC Achievement's relationship with the provincial government runs deep and is highly valued.

I want to acknowledge also my predecessor, Scott McIntyre who diligently steered BC Achievement's board from 2016-2018. Scott was a stalwart, faithful and inspirational chair. The best kind of organization encourages everyone to bring their best selves. Under Scott's leadership, BC Achievement has been exactly this kind of place and I will do my very best to make sure a spirit of inclusive celebration carries on.

I look ahead to another wonderful, fulfilling year being part of BC Achievement and I salute each one of our nominees this year. It is a profound privilege to share your story.



Anne Giardini, OC, OBC, QC



CELEBRATING AWARDEES THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

BC Achievement celebrates success across the entire province. We are proud to honour the awardees and the communities they represent.

Community Award

Abbotsford
Agassiz
Armstrong
Clearwater
Duncan
Gibsons
Kelowna
Lake Country
Maple Ridge
Nanaimo
New Westminster
Port Moody
Prince George
Prince Rupert
Sparwood
Stewart
Surrey
Tofino
Tumbler Ridge
Vancouver
Victoria

Fulmer Award First Nations Art

Hopetown
Rosedale
Sechelt
Terrace
Vancouver
West Vancouver

Indigenous Business Award

Chilliwack
Enderby
Fort St. John
Lytton
Nelson
Port Alberni
Savona
Skidegate
West Vancouver
Williams Lake

Carter Wosk Award Applied Art + Design

Vancouver





BC Achievement Indigenous Business Award

For the past ten years, the Indigenous Business Award (IBA) program has recognized Indigenous businesses for outstanding excellence and innovation. Close to 180 exceptional businesses have been highlighted across the province and while the stories are unique, they all share the same remarkable spirit of entrepreneurship as they strive towards excellence.

As we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the IBA program, we continue to honour successful Indigenous endeavours that nurture opportunities and forge relationships for a more prosperous future. This award not only shines a light on the accomplishments of the sector, it provides a platform for Indigenous entrepreneurs to inspire others to become leaders and visionaries in business.

“We walk in two worlds – we have the western science and then our own science, our traditional knowledge. We have to have an understanding of both so that there is a balance all the time. I am proud of our young people. Especially those that have challenged themselves to become business people. They are trying to create their own wealth. They want to be agents of change and make a difference.” - Chief Wayne Christian, Słatsin Nation – 2018 Community Owned Business of the year award - Yucwmenlúcwu (Caretakers of the Land) LLP

The IBA program is inspired to establish a network of like-minded individuals and organizations who are driven to surpass their potential and strive for excellence. Through the strength of our partnerships the award will continue to support a platform whereby businesses and Indigenous entrepreneurs can

be recognized for their important contribution to British Columbia's economic landscape.

In 2018 the Indigenous Business Award program recognized Ay Lelum-The Good House of Design for Indigenous Business of the Year. A true family endeavour, the second-generation Coast Salish Design house is based in Nanaimo, BC, where they craft ready-to-wear clothing and couture garments featuring traditional Coast Salish art. Each piece is a stunning example of craftsmanship and thoughtful design.



Ay Lelum infuses art, culture, language and history into all of their work. This practice elevates the process and results in meaningful, one-of-a-kind pieces.

“We transform a piece of artwork that comes from our father or our brother, we learn the history of it, the way the colours should be, the way the structure should be, to make sure that it's in its entirety. We use the whole design to ensure that our legends and our history remain accurate for our children.” - Sophia Seward-Good, Ay Lelum-The Good House of Design

Members of the 2018 jury panel include Brenda Baptiste, Louis de Jaeger, Laurie Sterritt and Laara Yaghujaanas.



BC Achievement Indigenous Business Award

In addition, Chief Gordon Planes of the T'Sou-ke First Nation was selected as the recipient of the 2018 BC Indigenous Business Award for Individual Achievement in recognition of his efforts towards economic development and business in the Province. The awardee is selected by the Board of BC Achievement.

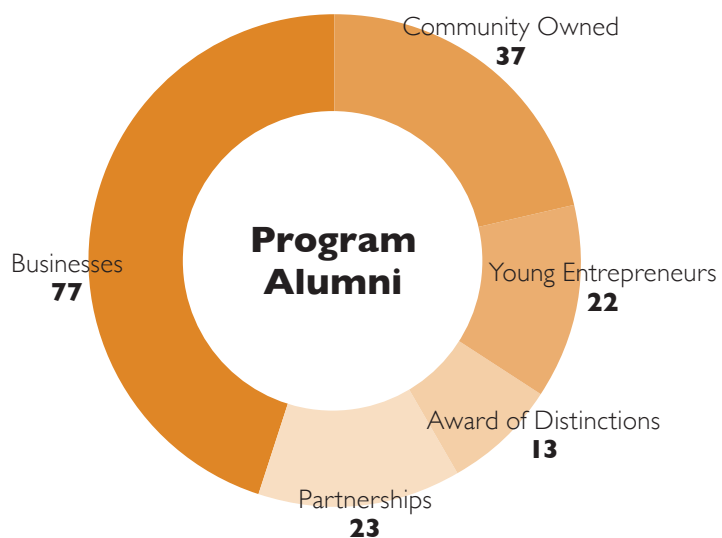
IBA Award Alumni

"It is so important to celebrate Indigenous success and the awards tonight show that there are Indigenous people across the province that participate in the economy, advance business and are highly successful. We should all celebrate their success."

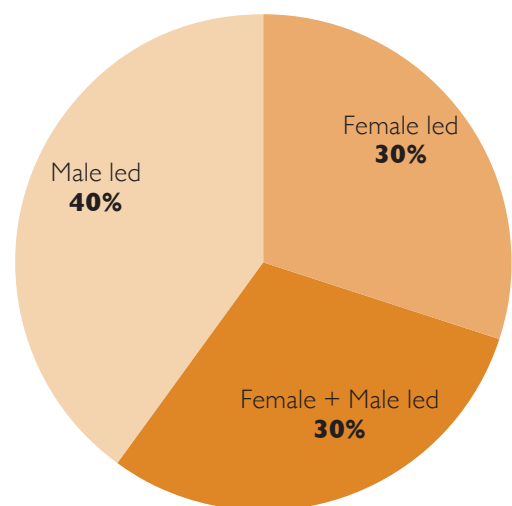
- Kim Baird, past jury member



Award Category Breakdown



Gender Breakdown





BC Achievement Indigenous Business Award

The recipients of the 2018 Award are:

Young Entrepreneur of the Year
Skywest Environmental Inc., Williams Lake

Outstanding Business Achievement
Van - Isle Auto Brokers, Victoria

Business of the Year - (1-2 person enterprise)
Ay Lelum-The Good House of Design, Nanaimo

Outstanding Business Achievement
Second Pass Forestry Ltd., Kamloops

Business of the Year - (3-10 person enterprise)
Reciprocal Consulting, West Vancouver

Outstanding Business Achievement
Haida Style Expeditions, Skidegate
Kootenay Waste Services Ltd., Nelson

Business of the Year - 11+ more person enterprise
Mussell Crane Manufacturing, Chilliwack

Outstanding Business Achievement
Kikinaw Energy Services Ltd., Fort St. John

Community-Owned Business of the Year - one entity
Yucwmenlúcwu (Caretakers of the Land) LLP, Enderby

Outstanding Business Achievement
Painted Rock Aggregates & Contracting LLP, Savona
Quilakwa Investments, Enderby

Community-Owned Business of the Year - (2 or more entities)
Kanaka Bar Land and Resource LP, Lytton

Business Partnership of the Year
Nuu-chah-nulth Seafood Limited Partnership, Port Alberni

Outstanding Business Achievement
Cariboo Aboriginal Forestry Enterprises Ltd., Williams Lake

Individual Achievement Award
Chief Gordon Planes - Hya-Quatcha, Sooke



BC Achievement Fulmer Award First Nations Art

Launched in 2006 BC Achievement's Fulmer First Nations Art program celebrates artistic excellence in traditional and contemporary visual art. In recognizing extraordinary craftsmanship, the award also honours the cultural and artistic traditions that breathe life into the process and elevate the work.

Thanks to the ongoing support of the Fulmer Foundation, the award recognizes British Columbia's First Nations artistic community, honing in on the depth of talent and wisdom that exists throughout the province. Recipients are not only technical masters in their artform, they are mentors and cultural entrepreneurs, committed to preserving their traditions for future generations.

Haida mixed media artist Richard Adkins was among the artists recognized in 2018. Richard is widely regarded for his exquisite and complex works in sculpture, jewelry and drawing. Influenced by his teachers, Freda Diesing and master artists Bill Reid and Robert Davidson, Richard's work has been exhibited in the National Gallery in Ottawa, the Royal BC Museum in Victoria, and the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.



Richard is a dedicated mentor and believes in multi-generational learning, remarking that he learns as much from his apprentices, as they do from him.

"I think 200 years from now, this artform is going to be instantly recognized as a Canadian artform by people around the world. It was invented here; it came out of this landscape. It's such a sophisticated and beautifully simple artform. It's strong enough that it can withstand being integrated with world art, and not be destroyed."



"I think what's happened for me and my family is something that's very important. This wouldn't have happened when I was 13 years old, it was a different world. This is positive...my nieces and nephews, they are going to be thinking, this is what is expected of me. This is important. This change is important." - Richard Adkins

Celebrated artist and teacher Dempsey Bob also spoke to the importance and value of art in our society.

"It's important because it makes us civilized. Art is what makes us human and excellence is what demands us to be better people. Culture is the glue of society and your culture gives you values, meaning, direction, and inspiration...I see the third and fourth wave of artists coming up to do the work. Because art takes a lot of work. We call it the magnificent struggle." - Dempsey Bob



BC Achievement Fulmer Award First Nations Art

The recipients were selected by the following jury members: Sonny Assu, a Ligwilda'xw / Kwakwaka'wakw interdisciplinary, award-winning artist and past recipient; Philip Gray, a past recipient and Tsimshian artist who has received accolades for his work in wood masks and sculptures; and Laura Wee Lay Laq, a recognized clay artist and cultural leader from the Tzeachten First Nation and a past recipient.

Special advisors to the jury include Emily Carr University Aboriginal Program Director, Brenda Crabtree, a member of the Spuzzum Band with both Nlaka'pamux and Sto:lo ancestry; and the UBC Museum of Anthropology's Curator Emeritus, Bill McLennan.

The recipients of the 2018 Award are:

Richard Adkins
Haida Nation

Kelsey (KC) Hall
Heiltsuk Nation (Crabtree McLennan
Emerging Artist Award)

Bradley Hunt
Heiltsuk Nation

Nakkita Trimble
Nisga'a Nation

Carrielynn Victor
Cheam Nation





BC Achievement Carter Wosk Award Applied Art + Design

Since 2004, the Carter Wosk Applied Art + Design program has celebrated British Columbians whose work has enhanced the cultural and economic fabric of the province. Where functional art and design meets application, the award honours talent, innovation and entrepreneurship in equal measure.



The recipients are creators and innovators, their work enhancing daily life, enriching society and contributing to British Columbia's cultural and economic landscape. A potent blend of creativity and commerce, the Carter Wosk program showcases work that is as diverse as it is exceptional.

This year Bill Pechet of Pechet Studio was honoured for his career spanning more than three decades. Through thoughtful design

Bill seeks to create spaces that bring people together in surprising and spectacular ways. His work can be seen in public spaces across the country, through street furnishings, lighting, urban infrastructure, public art and memorial design.

In all of his endeavours, Bill reimagines the potential for merging public spaces with sculptural invention. As a long-term faculty member of the architecture and environmental design programs at UBC, Bill is a committed and encouraging mentor. He frequently lectures on the critical role that public space plays in healthy and vibrant cities, his work a mirror to his personal values and aspirations.

"I've really never seen my life as anything other than a play environment. I didn't ever think I'd be still playing at the age of 61 but it's like breathing to me. It means so much to me to be recognized this way." - Bill Pechet





BC Achievement Carter Wosk Award Applied Art + Design

We are grateful for the support of philanthropist Dr. Yosef Wosk and Emily Carr University of Art and Design professor emeritus, Sam Carter, for whom the award is named.

“We’re heads down making work... and much of our dialogue is internal with our own studio and community. So having organizations like BC Achievement Foundation that put time and energy into acknowledging and recognizing working artists provides us with a mirror in which to see ourselves in. It’s an extremely valuable tool to help us grow.”

- Henry Norris, Furniture designer, 2018 Recipient

The artists and designers were selected by jury members: Toby Barratt, designer and past recipient; Judson Beaumont, furniture designer, past recipient and 2014 Award of Distinction Laureate; Tania Gleave artist, jewelry designer and past recipient; and Katherine Soucie, textile and fashion designer and past recipient.

The recipients of the 2018 Award are:

Afshin Mehin

Wearable Technology

Henry Norris

Furniture Design

Claudia Schulz

Hat Design

Bill Pechet

Urban Design





BC Achievement Community Award

The Community Award program continues to be the cornerstone of the Foundation's mission to honour excellence and inspire achievement in our province. Since 2004, the program has celebrated those special individuals who consistently rise up to serve others. Through their dedication and selflessness, these quiet heroes impact countless lives and inspire change.

As leaders, volunteers, and visionaries, these individuals elevate the everyday, their efforts serving to foster vibrant, inclusive communities across the province. By honouring their work, the Community Award program also shines a light on the organizations, sectors, and support systems that enable the spirit of community to flourish in British Columbia.

It takes heart and tenacity to manifest positive change, and the recipients of the Community Award have an abundance of both. Lolly

Bennett, 2018 award recipient was recognized for her dedication to the Vancouver Chapter of the National Congress of Black Women. Lolly served as a volunteer, board member and Chair of the organization for more than 25 years - dedicating herself to fostering the advancement, recognition, health and education of black women and their families through funding and research. As a leader, fundraiser and volunteer Lolly is widely known and regarded for her warmth, compassion and enthusiasm.

In 2019, Lolly joined the Selection Committee and welcomed the opportunity to recognize other trailblazers.

"People in their respective community endeavours and roles just do things because there is a need. Can you pick up this because we are trying to accomplish this. Can you contribute to the whole. And you do because it's your community - it's the everyday people that you know. It's mind-boggling how many people do it!" - Lolly Bennett

BC Achievement is indebted to Her Honour, the Honourable Janet Austin Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia for presiding and hosting the Community Award in Government House each year.





BC Achievement Community Award

An independent selection committee made up of two Mayors and three past recipients adjudicates the award program. For the 2019 award program the committee included: Lolly Bennett of Vancouver, Garry Benson of Kelowna, Kamal Dhillon of Surrey, Mayor Lyn Hall of Prince George and Mayor Josie Osborne of Tofino.



BC Achievement Foundation Board of Directors presented the Mitchell Award at the 2019 ceremony. Named in honour of Keith Mitchell, QC, past Chair of the Foundation and its guiding light for over 13 years, the award recognizes leadership that empowers others to engage. The 2019 Mitchell Award was presented to Ellen Woodsworth.

The recipients of the 2019 Award are:

- **Beth Applewhite**, Port Moody
- **Don Bassermann**, Prince George
- **Neil Brewer**, Agassiz
- **Evelyn Corlett**, Gibsons
- **Katherine Dodds**, Vancouver
- **Polla Eid**, Kelowna
- **Maureen Fraser**, Tofino
- **Jessie Ann Gamble**, Armstrong
- **Ming Gin**, Vancouver
- **Nancy & Gunther Golinia**, Prince Rupert
- **Leona Green**, New Westminster
- **Linda Helm**, Tumbler Ridge
- **Janet Johnston**, Stewart
- **Kenneth Kjenstad**, Clearwater
- **Margaret Lidkea**, Victoria
- **Jeffrey Lott**, Nanaimo
- **Biju Mathew**, Maple Ridge
- **Sandra McPherson**, Duncan
- **Sukhmeet Singh Sachal**, Surrey
- **Lyda Salatian**, Surrey
- **Lindy Steele**, Prince George
- **Katrin Taylor**, Sparwood
- **Vivian Trethewey**, Abbotsford
- **Arnold Trehwitt**, Lake Country
- **Ellen Woodsworth**, Vancouver
(Mitchell Award Winner)



Anne Giardini, OC, OBC, QC

Why BC Achievement?

It is a hallmark of successful organizations and societies that they not only recognize achievement, but celebrate them. All of us - if we are lucky - have a memory of giving or receiving recognition for an act of creation or collaboration or inspiration or community building. BC Achievement exists to shine light on those whose actions make this province a better place for us all.



Kevin Bent

Why BC Achievement?

As a proud British Columbian, I believe it's important to recognize and celebrate excellence in our province. This helps strengthen and build community spirit and inspire present and future generations.



Christopher Gaze, OBC

Why BC Achievement?

BC Achievement reaches every corner of British Columbia and recognizes the excellence and the good that the people of our Province do for the betterment of all. Being honoured has a massive impact on individuals, their family and their friends. I am deeply proud to serve on the Board and to play a small role in furthering this noble mission.



Yuri Fulmer, OBC

Why BC Achievement?

Recognizing extraordinary achievement not only benefits the recipients and their communities but inspires all of us to create a better Canada for all Canadians.



Jack Lohman, CBE

Why BC Achievement?

BC Achievement is an alternative way of seeing the world and building a better future by honoring those who inspire us. We believe all of us have capacities that can be mobilized for the benefit of society. Take a look at who we honour...



Robert Louie, OC

Why BC Achievement?

The citizens of BC deserve to be recognized and celebrated for their excellence and outstanding achievements. This makes BC not only proud, but stronger as a community.



Scott McIntyre, CM, OBC

Why BC Achievement?

Honouring British Columbians of exceptional cultural and social achievement is a compelling mandate, one that makes an important contribution to the province. I am enormously proud of having been involved with BC Achievement since its establishment in 2003.



John Montalbano

Why BC Achievement?

It is important to highlight and celebrate the achievements of those that make our communities stronger. Humility and celebration are not mutually exclusive, nor necessarily conflicting. We have much to celebrate within our communities.



Judith Sayers, OC

Why BC Achievement?

I really enjoy being able to work with BC Achievement to identify people to honour in the various areas we do awards. It is such positive work setting the stage to find people we can hold up and say to the world, "this is what they have achieved."



Sophie Pierre, OC, OBC

Why BC Achievement?

Excellence in our Province comes in many forms and activities, from business growth to community involvement to incredible works of art. Help us celebrate excellence, be a nominator!



Hon. John Horgan, Premier

Why BC Achievement?

BC Achievement gives us the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the best and brightest in British Columbia. Honouring inspiring individuals for their contributions to our communities encourages others to step up and do the same. BC Achievement fosters a spirit of generosity and selflessness throughout our province.



Hon. Lisa Beare

Why BC Achievement?

The BC Achievement Foundation recognizes and celebrates the extraordinary accomplishments of people in this province. The Foundation highlights the best among us, and in doing so, inspires a spirit of excellence that helps build strong and prosperous communities. I'm proud to serve on the board of the Foundation and delighted to have the opportunity to exemplify those whose remarkable achievements contribute to our growth and success as a province.



Sonia Furstenau, MLA

Why BC Achievement?

BC Achievement reminds us how important it is to celebrate the extraordinary actions of our neighbours and community members.



Rachna Singh, MLA

Why BC Achievement?

To celebrate and acknowledge excellence across our diverse province.