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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR BC ACHIEVEMENT'S 21ST ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD

Vancouver, BC (December 1, 2023):

Today the [BC Achievement Foundation](#) opened the call for nominations for the 21st annual [Community Award](#). The award program recognizes, celebrates and stewards outstanding British Columbians while elevating their stories of excellence. Individuals are celebrated for their efforts in raising the quality and character of their communities while serving as the ultimate example of dedication and excellence.



“The Community Award program is a testament to the best of BC. The program has lifted up and told the stories of over 660 British Columbians who have carved a path forward through their community achievement. This requires strength, courage and skill – for others to emulate and, in doing so, builds stronger and more engaged communities,” said Walter Pela, Chair of the BC Achievement Foundation. “Every year, the nominees impress with their desire to be of service to their communities and with their commitment to improve the lives of their neighbours and province.”

A new designation is included in the launch of the 2024 Call for Nominations. The new Emerging Leader designation will be added to recognize and celebrate young people who are making a difference in their communities and striving to make BC a better place. This distinction will acknowledge the incredible dedication and efforts of young leaders. Through this empowerment, a ripple effect will transpire – one that resonates far beyond the initial act of service.

“As we look to the future and the challenges that lie ahead, it is more important than ever to recognize the achievements of youth in our province. They are the ones who will lead us forward, and we need to support and encourage them every step of the way,” added Pela.

“It is an incredible honour and privilege to receive a BC Achievement Community Award. The award has reaffirmed my interests in community service, sustainability, and accessibility and the incredible work of those I am surrounded by. I think it is important to recognize excellence in community service as it helps to increase engagement and foster pride and collaboration in our communities.” Stephanie Quon, 2023 Awardee

Nominations open December 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024

Nominations for the Community Award are now open and can be submitted online until January 31, 2024. An independent jury panel of community leaders, which includes program alumni, adjudicate the submissions.

Be part of it #nominatenowbc.

The 2024 Community Award recipients will be recognized at a formal ceremony in Victoria in May 2024, where the Lieutenant Governor and a representative of the BC Achievement Foundation will present the awardees with the BC Achievement medallion and lapel pin designed by renowned artist Robert Davidson, OC, OBC. Awardees will also receive a commemorative certificate and letter from the Premier of BC recognizing their achievements. In addition, BC Achievement curates an online #shinethelightbc social campaign highlighting each awardee’s accomplishments through its channels.

For more information about the BC Achievement Foundation and the Community Award program, please visit www.bcachievement.com.

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About BC Achievement

BC Achievement is an independent foundation established in 2003 that celebrates the spirit of excellence in our province and serves to honour the best of British Columbia. By recognizing the accomplishments of our province’s entrepreneurs, artists, community leaders, youth and volunteers, its award programs pay tribute to exceptional people, doing exceptional work.

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