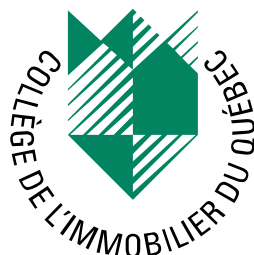


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## NEWS RELEASE

*The most important recognition event for real estate training in Quebec*

### THE COLLÈGE DE L'IMMOBILIER DU QUÉBEC AWARDS \$20,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE TO ITS BEST STUDENTS

**(ÎLE DES SŒURS, May 13, 2008)** – The Collège de l'immobilier du Québec and Foundation would like to congratulate the winners of the 2007 Celebration of Excellence Gala held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the TOHU. The most important event in this field for Quebec, a total of 20 scholarships worth \$1,000 each were awarded during the evening to the best students in the real estate agent and broker programs as well as in continuing and custom education. The winners originate and work in Montreal, Laval, Montérégie, the Laurentians and Outaouais.

The fifth edition of the event was also an occasion to celebrate the College's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Almost 300 key figures and partners in the commercial and residential real estate and mortgage industry as well as special guests celebrated innovation, dreams and success. In addition, two honorary diplomas were granted for outstanding contributions to the real estate industry. Finally, the Foundation of the Collège de l'immobilier was officially launched during the 2007 Celebration of Excellence Gala.

Since 2003, the College has awarded scholarships of excellence to students with the highest grade point averages. This year, nine students in the Real Estate Agent Program were rewarded as well as eight students in the Real Estate Broker Program. In addition, three scholarships were awarded for consistency in perfecting real estate knowledge and skills.

"The College and partners congratulate the winners and at the same time, reiterate their commitment to the training and development of real estate professionals in Quebec" declared Francine Forget, director general of the Collège de l'immobilier du Québec. "The Celebration of Excellence Gala has become more and more important each year. In harmony with this progress, the Collège de l'immobilier celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a big way this year by awarding for the first time in its history, the record number of 20 scholarships for excellence."

Moreover, it is interesting to note that since the inception of the excellence program in 2003, scholarships worth \$75,000 have been granted and that 85% of the winners are still working in the real estate field.

The Collège de l'immobilier awarded honorary diplomas to those who have contributed to the development of the real estate industry by their vision and involvement. This year's winners are two ex-presidents of the Collège de l'immobilier: Pierre Lafond, Real Estate Agent - RE/MAX Harmonie Inc., Montreal and Guy Huneault, Real Estate Agent - G. Huneault immobilier Inc., Gatineau.

## **List of the 20 recipients of the scholarships for excellence**

### **Scholarships for excellence – Real Estate Agent**

#### **Scholarship for Excellence Genworth Financial Canada**

Martine Bédard, Real Estate Agent - Groupe Sutton Millenia, Sainte-Catherine

#### **Scholarship for Excellence Collège de l'immobilier du Québec**

Frédéric Parisien, Real Estate Agent - RE/MAX Platine, Saint-Constant

#### **Scholarship for Excellence CORPIQ**

Alain Guérette, Real Estate Agent - Royal LePage Vallées de l'Outaouais, Gatineau

#### **Scholarship for Excellence Proprio Direct**

Dominic Lebeau, Collège de l'immobilier du Québec

#### **Scholarship for Excellence Greater Montreal Real Estate Board**

Anne Renaud, Real Estate Agent - Groupe Sutton Immobilia Inc., Montreal (Outremont)

#### **Scholarship for Excellence Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton & Cie**

David Schneider, Real Estate Agent - Groupe Sutton Immobilia Inc., Montreal (Outremont)

#### **Scholarship for Excellence CMHL**

Nancy Gariché, Real Estate Agent - Groupe Immobilier Londono Inc, Westmount

#### **Scholarship for Excellence Multi-Prêts Mortgage Broker**

Ginette Morel, Real Estate Agent - RE/MAX Royal (Jordan) Inc., Beaconsfield

#### **Scholarship for Excellence RE/MAX du Cartier**

Marina Vlachos, Real Estate Agent - Vérico-Hypothèque-Direct, Greenfield Park

### **Scholarships for Excellence - Broker**

#### **Scholarship for Excellence IDU Québec**

Terence Jacyno, Real Estate Agent - Groupe Immobilier Universel Inc. Montreal (Saint-Léonard)

#### **Scholarship for Excellence Greater Montreal Real Estate Board**

Richard Boulé, Real Estate Agent - RE/MAX TMS Inc., Sainte-Thérèse

#### **Scholarship for Excellence REALTA**

Dominique Chatel, Real Estate Agent - REALTA, Montreal (Outremont)

#### **Scholarship for Excellence Quebec Federation of Real Estate Boards**

Paul Patterson, Real Estate Agent - Groupe Sutton Centre Ouest Inc., Westmount

**Scholarship for Excellence Banque Nationale**

Suzanne Dutoy, RE/MAX Royal (Jordan) Inc. Beaconsfield

**Scholarship for Excellence Royal LePage**

Mohamed Bennane, Real Estate Agent - Immeubles Jack Sera Inc. (Royal LePage Classic), Montreal

**Scholarship for Excellence La Capitale**

Manon Grisé, Real Estate Agent - Les Immeubles Tiberio Inc., Laval

**Scholarship for Excellence André Charbonneau Century 21-Max-Immo**

Francesco Agostinelli, Real Estate Agent - Groupe Immobilier Luxor Inc., Montreal

**Scholarships for Excellence - Continuing and Custom Education****Scholarship for Excellence Quebec Federation of Real Estate Boards**

Bernard Rodrigue, Real Estate Agent - Groupe Sutton-Action Inc., Saint-Lambert

**Scholarship for Excellence Collège de l'immobilier du Québec**

Patricia N. Ciancotti, RE/MAX Action (1992) Inc., Montreal (Lasalle)

**Scholarship for Excellence Collège de l'immobilier du Québec**

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**About the Collège de l'immobilier du Québec**

Founded in 1993 and registered with the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, the Collège de l'immobilier du Québec is the biggest real estate educational institution in Quebec. Each year, it provides training for almost 2,000 future real estate agents and brokers and continuing education for more than 3,500 professionals. It is recognized in the industry as "the" college due to the high training standards and exceptional quality of the teaching staff.

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