

# Business Laureates of BC Hall of Fame Gala Dinner & Induction Ceremonies



## 2023 EVENT REPORT



JABC PRESENTS  
**BUSINESS LAUREATES  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
HALL OF FAME**  
*They Built. We Benefit.*



**JA  
British  
Columbia**

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# WITH GRATITUDE



On behalf of the JABC Staff and Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your support and partnership over the past year. Our ability to deliver important work readiness, financial health and entrepreneurship programs to youth is because of your support, leadership and belief in what is possible.

We were delighted to host the BLBC Hall of Fame Gala Dinner and Induction Ceremonies in May. Over 770 guests were in attendance to acknowledge and celebrate the esteemed 2023 inductees.

I extend heartfelt appreciation to all our supporters, including Presenting Sponsors Fasken and RBC, for making this experience possible.

The revenues from this event support the delivery of programs that help young people develop the skillset and mindset to build thriving communities and solve the world's most complex problems.

Once again, thank you for helping build a brighter future for the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs, and leaders.



**Sheila Biggers**

President & CEO of JA British Columbia







# THE HALL OF FAME



## HISTORY

The Business Laureates of British Columbia (BLBC) Hall of Fame was created by JA British Columbia (JABC) in 2005 to honour British Columbia business leaders whose efforts have shaped our province and country. The Hall of Fame stands as a testament to the positive legacy the Laureates provide to future generations of business leaders.

## HALL OF FAME SITE

The BLBC Hall of Fame site is prominently located in the Vancouver Convention Centre West and includes a specially-commissioned sculpture, Shape of Inspiration, designed by B.C. artists Cheryl Hamilton and Michael Vandermeer. An interactive media display allows visitors to learn more about each of the members of the Hall of Fame.

## GALA AND INDUCTION CEREMONIES

The Laureates are inducted and celebrated in front of their families, friends and peers at the annual BLBC Hall of Fame Gala Dinner and Induction Ceremonies held in May. 100% of the net proceeds from this event support the efforts of JABC in delivering high-quality education programs free of charge to thousands of students across the province.

# 2023 BLBC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**Asa Johal** O.C., O.B.C. (1922-2021)  
President and CEO,  
Terminal Forest  
Products



**John Anderson**  
Chairman, CEO and  
Managing Partner,  
The Oppenheimer Group



**Nancy Stibbard**  
Owner and CEO,  
Capilano Suspension  
Bridge Park and  
Capilano Group



**Peter B. Gustavson** FCPA, FCA  
Founder and CEO,  
Gustavson Capital  
Corporation

Laureates have demonstrated Vision unique among their peers; they have provided Leadership to inspire others to achieve their goals; they have led their lives with Integrity; and they have built a Legacy that will enrich the lives of those who follow.

Learn more about the Laureates: [businesslaureatesbc.jabc.ca/laureates](https://businesslaureatesbc.jabc.ca/laureates)

## NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Laureate nominations were accepted from June 2022 to September 15, 2022.

The process was open to the public to ensure B.C.'s diverse business community was represented and the broadest group of nominees was put forward.

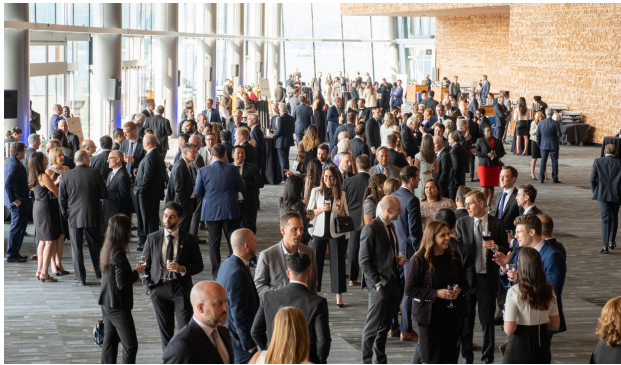
Laureate Selection Sponsor, PFM Executive Search, an executive recruitment firm based in Vancouver, guided the nomination process. The final Laureate selection was made by a committee of past inductees and business leaders.



# PHOTO GALLERY



## BLBC HALL OF FAME GALA DINNER & INDUCTION CEREMONIES MAY 30, 2023 | VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE WEST



Pre-event Reception



Pre-event Entertainment



Master of Ceremonies  
Chris Gailus, Global BC



Territory Welcome  
Deborah Baker, Member, Squamish First Nation



Welcome from JA British Columbia  
Sheila Biggers, President and CEO, JABC



Recipients of the JABC Student Award for Oratory and  
Presentation Skills  
Alex Hong | Sophie Saied | Kayla Wong | Tyler Sun

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William Westeringh, Managing Partner, BC Region, Fasken



**Keynote Speaker**

Geordie Rose, Founder and CEO, Sanctuary AI



**Recipients of the JABC Junior Entrepreneur Award**

Trisha Iamsakun | Shuchen (Justin) Jia | Chloe Nguyen | Ken Wang | Eric Yan



**JABC Co-Chair**

Fred Withers, Chief Development Officer (retired), Ernst & Young Canada



**JABC Co-Chair**

Janet Wood, Corporate Director



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2023 Business Laureates of BC Hall of Fame Inductee  
John Anderson



2023 Business Laureates of BC Hall of Fame Inductee  
Peter B. Gustavson



2023 Business Laureates of BC Hall of Fame Inductee  
Asa Johal



2023 Business Laureates of BC Hall of Fame Inductee  
Nancy Stibbard



Vancouver Convention Centre West Ballroom



Watch 2023 BLBC Hall of Fame  
Highlight Video

Learn more at  
[businesslaureatesbc.jabc.ca](https://businesslaureatesbc.jabc.ca)

# JABC'S IMPACT



In the 2022-23 school year, JA British Columbia (JABC) will have delivered over **2,600 programs**, including **142 programs in 25 unique Indigenous communities**, and reached almost **64,500 youth** in **85% of B.C. School Districts**. This achievement is thanks to the support from almost **460 volunteers**.

## IMPACT OF YOUR SPONSORSHIP

100% of the net proceeds from the BLBC Hall of Fame Gala support the efforts of JABC in delivering work readiness, financial health, and entrepreneurship programs to youth in urban, rural, and Indigenous communities across the province.

20% of the total number of students we reached in the 2022-23 school year were from the sponsorships we received from BLBC Hall of Fame.

**\$1,104,500**

Total Fund Raised | 2022-23

**12,000+**

Students Reached | 2022-23

Since 2007, JABC has raised over \$12,000,000 through the Hall of Fame, which has resulted in over 183,000 students across B.C. receiving a life-changing JA program.





# WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN RAISING \$1,104,500



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## CO-CHAIRS

Fred Withers and Janet Wood

## PAST CO-CHAIRS

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Peter Blake	Terry A. Lyons	Bill Weymark
Barbara Brink	Conrad Pinette	

## SPECIAL CABINET AND COMMITTEE ADVISORS

Casey Forrest      Kelly Heed

## SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kathy Butler	Gerri Sinclair
Peter Dhillon	Ratana Stephens
Clarence Louie	Chip Wilson

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Olin Anton	Jock Finlayson	Cybele Negris
Barbara Brink	Omar Ladak	Launi Skinner
Robin Dhir	Leslie Lee	Kirsten Sutton
Shelina Esmail		

## CABINET MEMBERS

Olin Anton	Robin Dhir	Lauren Minogue
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# ABOUT JABC



JA British Columbia (JABC) is a not-for-profit impact organization that delivers hands-on, immersive education in work readiness, financial health, and entrepreneurship. Through JA, young people are equipped with the skillset and mindset to build thriving communities. Learn more at [jabc.ca](http://jabc.ca)



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