

BLBC Hall of Fame Gala Dinner & Induction Ceremonies

EVENT REPORT



2024



JABC PRESENTS
**BUSINESS LAUREATES
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
HALL OF FAME**
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MESSAGE FROM CO-CHAIRS

JA British Columbia hosted the prestigious 2024 BLBC Hall of Fame Gala Dinner and Induction Ceremonies in June at the Vancouver Convention Centre West, and what a night it was! Over 900 guests joined us to celebrate the esteemed 2024 inductees.

In addition to honoring the Laureates, the evening featured an inspiring keynote address by Asheesh Advani from JA Worldwide, emphasizing JA's global impact and its connection to JABC's mission.

This year's Hall of Fame Gala was a phenomenal success, raising nearly \$1.3 million—our highest ever. The net proceeds will support JA programs for youth in urban, rural, and Indigenous communities across the province.

A heartfelt thank you to all our supporters, including Presenting Sponsors Fasken and RBC, for making this memorable night possible and helping create a brighter future for the next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs, and leaders.



Abi Coman-Walker
Fred Withers
Hall of Fame Co-Chairs





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. With Barbara Brink and Jim Shepard as the founding co-chairs, 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.

A 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. 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.

2024 BLBC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Anthony von Mandl o.c., o.B.C.
Founder & CEO
Mark Anthony Group of
Companies



K. Barry Marsden o.c., o.B.C.
Chairman & CEO
Conair Aerial Firefighting



Karen Flavelle
Owner, CEO & Chair
Purdys Chocolatier



Charles Flavelle 1929-2024
Former Owner
Purdys Chocolatier



Brian Hill
Founder & Executive Chair
Aritzia

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

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Laureate nominations were accepted from June 2023 to September 2023.

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.

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Reception
Vancouver Convention Centre West



Master of Ceremonies
Chris Gailus, Global BC



Territory Welcome
Chief Jen Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation



Land Acknowledgement and Address
Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia



Welcome from JA British Columbia
Sheila Biggers, President & CEO, JA British Columbia



**Speeches by Winners of the JABC Student Award
for Oratory and Presentation Skills**
Aaliyah Cabiles, Linda Dai, Ryan Wood

PHOTO GALLERY



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Keynote Presentation
Asheesh Advani, President & CEO, JA Worldwide



**Conversation with Winners of the
JABC Junior Entrepreneur Award**
Bryan Ma, William Preto, Tiffany Spurgeon



Hall of Fame Co-Chairs
Abi Coman-Walker and Fred Withers



2024 Laureate Inductees
Brian Hill, Karen Marsden, wife of K. Barry Marsden (1939-2021), Lucile Favelle, wife of Charles Flavelle (1929-2024), Karen Flavelle, Anthony von Mandl



Sponsor Remarks
Martin Thibodeau, Regional President, RBC



Sponsor Remarks
Jenny Francis, Managing Partner, Fasken BC Region

JABC'S IMPACT



In the 2023-24 school year, JA British Columbia (JABC) delivered **3,242 programs**, including **151 programs in 31 unique Indigenous communities**, and reached **80,183 youth** in **85% of B.C. School Districts**. This achievement is thanks to the support from over **463 volunteers**.

IMPACT OF YOUR SPONSORSHIP

All 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 80,000 youth we reached in the 2023-24 school year were supported by the sponsorships we received from the BLBC Hall of Fame.

\$1,277,000

Total Fund Raised | 2023-24

16,000+

Youth Reached | 2023-24

Since 2007, JABC has raised over \$13,000,000 through the Hall of Fame, which has resulted in 179,591 students across B.C. receiving a life-changing JA program.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN RAISING \$1.27 MILLION



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2024 GALA CABINET



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Abi Coman-Walker and Fred Withers

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

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Casey Forrest Kelly Heed

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Kathy Butler	Dr. Allen Eaves	

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Frank Bouree	Shelina Esmail	Launi Skinner
Barbara Brink	Omar Ladak	Kirsten Sutton
Lorraine Cunningham	Leslie Lee	Janet Wood
	Cybele Negriz	

CABINET MEMBERS

Warren Beach	Paul Geyer	Walter Pela
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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.org.



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