

# JA LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST SERIES

## EVENT REPORT

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# MESSAGE FROM CEO



Thank you for attending this year's JA Leadership Breakfast. I hope you found the event informative, engaging and enjoyable. We were grateful to have this opportunity to bring together the JA community in the Lower Mainland to learn and connect.

I extend heartfelt appreciation to our long-standing Presenting Sponsor, CWB and our new Gold Sponsor, PwC for making this event possible.

Our speakers and highly respected panelists brought such enthusiasm and energy to the morning. And for the first time, we were fortunate to have educators from a local school district join us. These are our essential partners who bring JA programs into their schools and guide the next generation of B.C. leaders.

The contributions and thoughtful discussions created an unforgettable experience and we're pleased to share the highlights in this report.

We appreciate you sharing your morning with us.

Sheila M. Biggers  
President and CEO  
JA British Columbia

**JA Leadership  
Breakfast**



# OVERVIEW



**January 25, 2023 | Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, Vancouver**

## Purpose

Since 2015, the JA Leadership Breakfast Series has been providing an opportunity for the business community to connect and learn about leadership in today's world and how it impacts business in B.C. and Canada. This experience includes an interactive panel discussion and Q&A session.

## 2023 Topic

The Leader of Today

The panel shared valuable insights about what business leaders can do to navigate through the post-pandemic era and a rapidly changing workforce.

## Attendees

The gathering included JABC sponsors, donors, volunteers, alumni, educators from the North Vancouver School District, and other special guests from the local business community.



**CAMMI GRANATO**  
Assistant General Manager,  
Vancouver Canucks

## Panelists



**KATE LISTER**  
Senior Assistant Vice President,  
Employee Experience & Culture,  
CWB



**JOHN MONTALBANO**  
Director, AbCellera



**TAMARA VROOMAN**  
President and CEO,  
Vancouver International Airport



**KATE FURBER** (Moderator)  
Vice-Chair and Managing  
Partner, BC Region, PwC





# 240

**Guests  
Attended**

# 72

**Companies  
Represented**



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## The Leader of Today

Guests expanded their knowledge, learned from industry leaders, and established new connections at the 2023 JA Leadership Breakfast in downtown Vancouver, B.C.

The esteemed panel of local thought leaders shared their experiences related to people leadership, the importance of continuous learning, connectivity, courage, and authenticity in our changing work world.



Attendees gathered at the venue for breakfast and networking prior to the morning presentation.



Co-Hosts Sheila Biggers, JABC President and CEO, and Jeremiah Philips, JA Alumnus, welcomed guests.



Zaki Kasmani, AVP of Commercial Banking at Canadian Western Bank, introduced the panelists.



JAABC is a great partner... I really appreciated the Leadership and DEI conversation today. All the panellists were forthcoming and authentic in their engagement.





Really appreciated the overall program for the morning.

As a secondary school principal, [JABC] has been extremely valuable for our students.

Thank you!



After the presentation, the panel answered thoughtful questions from the audience.



Jeremiah Philips, JABC and UBC Alumnus, shared how the JA Company program gave him the skills to start his own venture.



Christina Howton, JABC Board member, donor and volunteer spoke about the benefits of getting involved with JABC.



**We were thrilled to offer a panel topic that resonated with our audience.**



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**Guest response to the topic:  
The Leader of Today**



## Business and JABC Community Attendees

JABC is grateful for the support of leading organizations in business, finance, law, education, health and community development to impact British Columbia's youth. Your financial contributions and involvement as volunteers inspire and prepare today's young people to lead. Thank you for attending this year's breakfast.



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