



JABC PRESENTS

**Business Laureates
of British Columbia
Hall of Fame**

They built. We benefit.

20th Annual Business Laureates of BC Hall of Fame Gala Dinner & Induction Ceremonies

JUNE 8, 2026 | VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE WEST



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British
Columbia**

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Years of
Empowering
Lives

WITH GRATITUDE



On behalf of the JA British Columbia staff and Board of Directors, thank you for your generous support of the Business Laureates of British Columbia Hall of Fame program this past year.

The 20th annual BLBC Hall of Fame Gala was a truly memorable evening. Together, we raised more than \$1.7 million, a record-breaking achievement that will help thousands of young people across British Columbia gain the skills, confidence, and opportunities they need to succeed. Every contribution made that evening is an investment in the next generation.

We were honoured to celebrate an exceptional group of Laureates whose leadership and generosity have helped shape British Columbia. My sincere thanks to our Presenting Sponsors, Fasken and RBC, whose longstanding partnership continues to make this event possible.

I am equally grateful to our dedicated volunteers, including our nomination and selection committees, cabinet members, governors, special advisors, and co-chairs. Your leadership and generosity are creating brighter futures for young people across British Columbia.

Thank you for believing in the potential of the next generation.



Delreen Motiwalla
President & CEO,
JA British Columbia

[Learn more about the 20th Annual BLBC Hall of Fame Gala](#)



THE HALL OF FAME

HISTORY

Established by JA British Columbia in 2005 under the leadership of Founding Co-Chairs Barbara Brink and Jim Shepard and then-JABC President & CEO Jan Bell-Irving, the BLBC Hall of Fame honours exceptional business leaders whose contributions have helped shape B.C. and Canada. It celebrates their achievements and the lasting legacy they provide for future generations of business leaders.

HALL OF FAME SITE

Located at Vancouver Convention Centre West, the BLBC Hall of Fame features the specially commissioned Shape of Inspiration sculpture by B.C. artists Cheryl Hamilton and Michael Vandermeer. An interactive media display allows visitors to discover the stories and achievements of each Laureate.

INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Each year, Laureates are formally celebrated at the BLBC Hall of Fame Gala Dinner & Induction Ceremonies.

100% of net proceeds support JABC programs delivered free to youth across B.C.



CELEBRATING THE 2026 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



1. **Dr. Julia Levy, O.C., PhD (1934–2024)**
Former CEO, QLT
UBC Professor Emerita
2. **Amar Doman**
CEO, Futura Corporation
3. **Bob Gaglardi**
Founder & Chairman Emeritus,
Northland Properties
4. **Jake Kerr, C.M., O.B.C., LL.D.**
Chair, Mosaic Forest Management
5. **Barry Lapointe, C.M., O.B.C.**
Chairman, KF Aerospace Group

The Laureates have shaped British Columbia through
VISION, LEADERSHIP, INTEGRITY
and **LEGACY.**

[Learn more about the Laureates](#)
[Watch the 2026 Laureate Videos](#)

*Laureates are selected through a public nomination
process and reviewed by a committee of past
inductees and respected business leaders.*



PHOTO GALLERY



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Reception
Vancouver Convention Centre West



Master of Ceremonies
Chris Gailus, Global BC



Territory Welcome
Dennis Thomas-Whonoak, Executive Director, Indigenous Business Initiatives & Engagements, UBC Sauder School of Business.



Welcome from JA British Columbia
Wendi Campbell, Former President & CEO, JA British Columbia



Speeches by Recipients of the JABC Student Award for Oratory and Presentation Skills
Emily Chan-Sato, Chandran Whitegill, Wenshu Ding, Olivia Colaco



Presentation of The Jim Pattison Young Visionary Award
Ryan Barrington-Foote, President, Jim Pattison Group

PHOTO GALLERY



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Recipients of the JABC Junior Entrepreneur Award
Kacey Liu, Kai Ling Ma, Thomas Chau, Tom He, Clare Seethram



Hall of Fame Co-Chairs
Shelina Esmail and Robin Dhiri



Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
Vancouver Convention Centre West



2026 Laureate Inductees
Jennifer and Ed Levy, representing Julia Levy; Jake Kerr, Amar Doman, Bob Gaglardi, Barry Lapointe



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Martin Thibodeau, Regional President, RBC



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AWARD WINNER SPOTLIGHTS

JABC ORATORY & PRESENTATION SKILLS AWARD



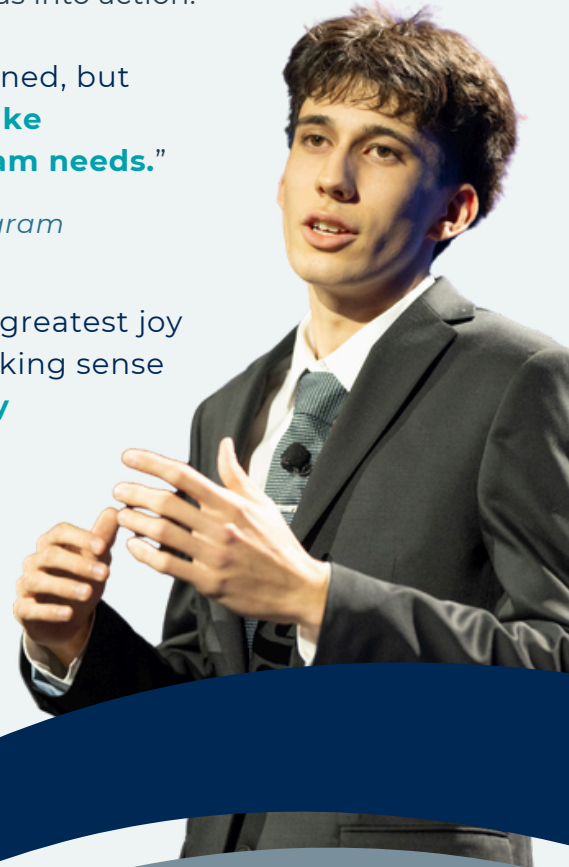
Through JABC's hands-on learning experiences, these students built the confidence, leadership and entrepreneurial skills to turn ideas into action.

“In business things don't always go as planned, but when they don't, **you have to speak up, take initiative, and advocate for what your team needs.**”

*Wenshu Ding (left), Grade 11, JA Company Program
Earl Marriott Secondary School*

“Innovation is like building a Lego set. The greatest joy comes from **building it brick by brick**, making sense of the pieces. I left feeling more **fulfilled by failures** driven by our own creativity than I would have by artificially generated successes.”

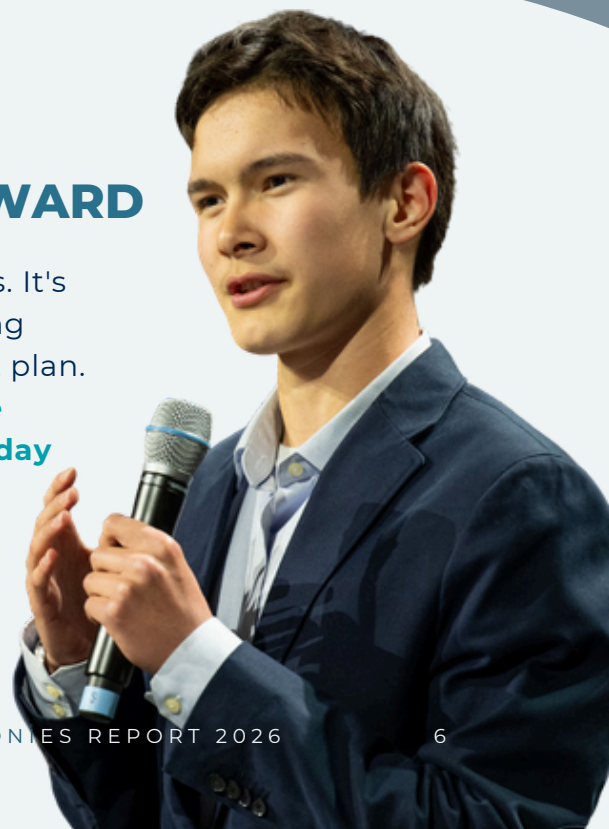
*Chandran Whitegill (right), Grade 11,
JA Company Program
Kitsilano Secondary School*



JABC JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

“Business isn't just about numbers and selling products. It's about building something that you love, communicating with people, and working with them to execute on that plan. Looking back, I've realized that **business is much more accessible than it seems. It's a core part of our everyday lives after all.** That's why I think making business accessible to students is so important.”

*Kai Ling Ma, Grade 9, JA Company Program
University Hill Secondary, Vancouver*





BECAUSE OF YOU

Your support of the 2026 BLBC Hall of Fame Gala extends far beyond one evening. The \$1.7 million+ raised will help deliver JABC's work readiness, financial health and entrepreneurship programs to young people across British Columbia.

These contributions will help support **more than 20,000 youth learning experiences**, giving students access to practical, hands-on learning at no cost

Your generosity opens doors, builds confidence, and empowers young people to shape a brighter future for B.C.

\$1,700,000+

raised through the 2026
Hall of Fame Gala

20,000+

Youth learning
experiences supported



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN RAISING \$1.7 MILLION



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20-YEAR LEGACY

TWO DECADES OF CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP



113

LAUREATES
INDUCTED



\$14M+

NET
PROCEEDS
RAISED



200,000

YOUTH
LEARNING
EXPERIENCES



20

YEARS
CELEBRATING

**TWENTY YEARS.
113 LAUREATES.
ONE ENDURING LEGACY.**

For two decades, the BLBC Hall of Fame has celebrated extraordinary business leadership while creating opportunities for the next generation.

2006



2026

One of the first BLBC Inductees, Jim Pattison, 2006

The 20th Annual BLBC Hall of Fame Gala, 2026



ABOUT US



Celebrating 70 Years

Since 1955, JA British Columbia (JABC) has helped young people build the knowledge, skills, and confidence to shape their futures. What began with 200 students participating in the first JA program in Canada has grown into a province-wide organization.

Today, JABC delivers more than 100,000 Youth Learning Experiences each year, providing hands-on learning in work readiness, financial health, and entrepreneurship at no cost, thanks to donor support.

This work is possible because of the commitment of donors, partners, educators, and volunteers who believe in the potential of B.C.'s youth.

Thank you for investing in their futures. Together, we are building on 70 years of impact and preparing the next generation to shape a more confident and financially capable future.

Learn more at jabc.org

Interested in supporting the 2027 BLBC Hall of Fame Gala?
Reach out to Rani at r.bansal@jabc.org.

2025-26 IMPACT SNAPSHOT



102,233 Youth Learning Experiences



554 Volunteers



709 Educators



3,694 Indigenous Youth Learning Experiences



510 Schools and Venues



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