

# CAPITAL EDUCATORS' AWARDS



## Recognizing the achievements of outstanding educators in Ottawa!

In 2001, the Ottawa Network for Education (ONFE), in partnership with a group of business and education leaders launched the annual Capital Educators' Awards to recognize and celebrate the dedication and achievements of our local educators. Every year since, ONFE has been proud to host the Capital Educators' Awards and gala celebration - aptly named 'Edugala' - to recognize these local educators.

Edugala is a unique community event with lots of heart; every year, educators share their moving stories, accomplishments, sense of mission and their genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of Ottawa's students. Ottawa is the only community in Canada that celebrates the contributions of its educators across the whole spectrum of education from elementary to post-secondary.

*"We are very fortunate to be part of a community that recognizes the dedicated and caring people who do their best every day to help students be successful. This event is a fantastic way to showcase some of the region's most committed and creative educators,"*

FRANÇOIS BENOIT, DIRECTOR OF  
EDUCATION, CONSEIL DES ÉCOLES  
PUBLIQUES DE L'EST DE L'ONTARIO.

### IMPACT

Finalists and award winners have described the awards event and the recognition they have received as validating, motivating and inspiring. The Capital Educators' Awards are building a sense of community among educators, and a collective pride in being a member of the education profession.

*"This kind of recognition helps not only the teachers who are nominated, but the profile of teaching more generally. I think it also cultivates a feeling of solidarity across many different levels of teaching since it involves all ages and stages."*

—CAPITAL EDUCATOR AWARD FINALIST

In 2011, more than 400 nominations were received from students, parents, educators and other community members and over 460 people attended the Edugala event. Local media also profiled nominees and winners by sharing their touching stories.

### NOMINATIONS

Anyone can submit a nomination; nominees must have classroom teaching responsibilities and belong to one of the 10 education partner institutions. Award recipients are selected by a panel of community judges and evaluated by 2 simple criteria - 1) demonstrated excellence in teaching and 2) acting as a positive role model and/or making a difference in someone's life. Nomination forms for 2012 will be available at [www.onfe-rope.ca](http://www.onfe-rope.ca) in January 2012. The deadline for nominations is March 2, 2012.

### EDUGALA 2012

The Capital Educators' Awards' 2012 Edugala will be held on May 17, 2012 at Algonquin College.

Edugala is made possible through support and partnerships with education institutions, corporations and foundations who share ONFE's belief in the importance of celebrating excellence in education in our community.

The 10 Edugala education institution partners include: Algonquin College, La Cité collégiale, Carleton University, University of Ottawa, Saint Paul University, Dominican University College, Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est, Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario, Ottawa Catholic School Board and Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

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