



Fact Sheet

Overview

- Established in 1994, the Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards recognizes enterprising people whose entrepreneurial businesses have made significant differences in the community.
- 2011 marks the **18th anniversary** of the Awards program.
- The Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards ceremony celebrates the successes and accomplishments of Niagara's best and brightest entrepreneurs and business leaders.
- The goal of the program is to draw special attention to local entrepreneurs who, through hard work, determination, creativity and resourcefulness, have established new ventures or reinvented existing ones in the community.
- Dating back to 1994, the Niagara Entrepreneur of the Awards program has received more than **686** nominations in fields ranging from crop management services to leading-edge biotechnology.
- Since the project's inception in 1994, **226** local entrepreneurs have been recognized through the awards program.
- Thirty-Three (**35**) entrepreneurs have been inducted into the Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Hall of Fame for their lifetime achievements.
- The Awards Gala Dinner is attended annually by **500** guests, and remains a high-profile achievement within the Niagara community.

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Additional information can be found on the Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Web site: www.niagaraentrepreneur.com

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What past award recipients are saying about the Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards...

“It is a huge honour to be recognized for the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards. I share this with the many people in and outside the Niagara wine industry who have made so many contributions to my career

The Niagara region and the wine industry in particular are veritable hotbeds of entrepreneurial activity and key drivers of the Niagara and provincial economy. I would like to congratulate the Awards committee and all of the sponsors for continuing to celebrate entrepreneurialism in Niagara”

Donald Triggs

Owner of Jackson Triggs Winery

**Award Recipient of the Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards
(2007 Lifetime Achievement Award)**

“Many thanks to the sponsors; I am sure that without them this event wouldn’t be possible. I hope they realize just how much they are assisting entrepreneurial business in the Niagara Region. It is certainly a boost in this difficult economy.”

Lezlie Murch

Owner Niagara Academy of Sports

**Award Recipient of the Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards
(2009 Innovative Small Business Award)**

“Thanks very much for the award; it is like winning a gold medal!”

Ted Hoxie

**Owner Beatties Basic
Award Recipient of the Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards
(2009 Family Enterprise Award)**