

## SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE AT THE AMBASSADORS GALA OF THE QUEBEC CPA ORDER

**Montreal, November 27, 2014** – Last Saturday, an impressive cohort of 103 graduates of the CPA, CMA and CPA, CMA-MBA executive programs were welcomed into the profession during the Ambassadors Gala of the Quebec CPA Order, hosted by **Anne-Marie Withenshaw**. This wonderful event also provided an opportunity to present the CPA Awards of Excellence, the Fernand-Cloutier Award and the QIC Award of Merit to chartered professional accountants who have made their mark.

### CPA Awards of Excellence

For the first time, the Ambassadors Gala was the backdrop for the CPA Awards of Excellence presented to seven men and women who enhance the visibility of the profession and stand out for their leadership, dynamism and community involvement. “These exceptional professionals, who have distinguished themselves through their significant achievements, embody the values that go hand in hand with the CPA designation, and are true ambassadors of the accounting profession in Quebec,” said **Alain Dugal**, FCPA, CA, chair of the Order.



2014 RECIPIENTS OF THE CPA AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

First row: **Michel Samson**, **Alexandra Genest**, **Julie Chaurette**

Second row: **Daniel McMahon**, president and chief executive officer of the Order, **Michel Vézina**, **Thomas McComber**, **Nicolas Boivin**, **Alain Dugal**, chair of the Order

Not pictured: **Benoit Caron**

This year's CPA Awards of Excellence recipients are:

**CPA Award of Excellence – Public practice**

Thomas McComber  
Partner  
Lacharité McComber Kuczynski

**CPA Award of Excellence – Community service**

Julie Chaurette  
Chartered Director

**CPA Award of Excellence – Teaching (tied)**

Nicolas Boivin  
Professor  
Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières

**CPA Award of Excellence – Teaching (tied)**

Michel Vézina  
Full professor  
HEC Montréal

**CPA Award of Excellence – Young professional**

Alexandra Genest  
Senior Manager, Assurance and Advisory Services  
Deloitte

**CPA Award of Excellence – Public sector (tied)**

Benoit Caron  
Manager, External Financial Reports  
Canada Post Corporation

**CPA Award of Excellence – Public sector (tied)**

Michel Samson  
Interim Auditor General of Quebec

**Fernand-Cloutier Award**

During this lavish event, the CPA Order presented the Fernand-Cloutier Award, which includes a \$6,000 cash prize, to the team of Executive Program graduates that obtained the best results during the final stage of the CPA, CMA accreditation process, i.e. the Board Report. This year, the four recipients who share the cash prize offered by the CPA Foundation are **Hadia Amrane**, **Robert Masciotra**, **Roselaine Rocheleau** and **Charles Auguste Taschereau**, all graduates of Concordia University's John Molson School of Business.

**QIC Award of Merit**

In recognition of his significant contribution to the accounting profession in Quebec, **Stephan Robitaille**, FCPA, FCGA, was presented with the Quebec Interprofessional Council Award of Merit. According to the president and chief executive officer of the Order, **Daniel McMahon**, FCPA, FCA, "the determination, competence and integrity demonstrated by the man who became the very first chair of the Order after the unification of the profession in May 2012 were essential in building a solid foundation for the new Order. Thanks to his hard work during his term as chair, our profession and the reputation of the CPA designation can continue to grow."

**About the Quebec CPA Order**

The Ordre des comptables professionnels agréés du Québec has close to 37,000 members and 7,000 future CPAs. The Order ensures the protection of the public and the visibility of the profession. It represents all areas of expertise of the accounting profession, including assurance, financial accounting, management and management accounting, finance and taxation.

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