

Awards: Teachers can change a life

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"We had to see what impact individuals made. Maybe it was a whole year's work, maybe it was a university professor who, faced with a class of 300, knows how to get to the heart of the matter and knows what will stimulate the students," Ms. Pinel said. "Or maybe it's a kindergarten teacher who knows that a little encouragement at the right time can help one of her young students."

An ambassador, she spoke to the media, but also "to spread awareness of the value of teachers and maybe to have people stop and pause and reflect about what educators are doing," she said.

Her activities "made me think about those teachers that sort of changed my life, or directed me in one direction or said 'nah, don't stay there, you're not good at that.'"

"What I find is really nice is that the different institutions, whether they are the Catholic school board, the English school board, the French one, Carleton University, Ottawa U, they all gather on the evening to recognize these individuals," she said.

THE WINNERS

Algonquin College: Jean
Ongén
Carleton University: Simon
Pouzet, Suzanne Beauphémont,
Julienne Lafont
University of Ottawa: Michelle
Simon, Axel Desautel
Saint Paul University: Gregory
Blanchard
La Cité collégiale: Serge
Gilbert
Ottawa-Carleton District
School Board: Richard
Demichelsi, Carol Norman,
Tracy Wright
Ottawa-Carleton Catholic
School Board: Stephanie
Gaudreau, Glenn Normandy
Conseil des écoles
catholiques de langue fran-
çaise du Centre-Est: Sophie
Otté, Denis Dubuclet
Conseil des écoles publiques
de l'Est de l'Ontario: Gilberte

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Area educators honour best in teaching profession

From kindergarten to university level

GRAHAM HUGHES

Ottawa area educators honoured the best of their peers last night, naming 16 teachers as recipients of the Capital Educators' Awards for 2004.

The 16 winners in the third annual event were chosen from a list of 64 finalists. In all, 253 individuals received 405 nominations, said Christine Lauzon-Foley of the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation, which co-ordinates the event.

The four members of the

judging panel make their selections individually, working from the nomination forms. Each of the participating school boards and education organizations nominated one winner, and the balance were selected by the judges.

Suzanne Pinel, a citizenship court judge and children's entertainer, was ambassador for this year's event, after serving on the judging panel in 2003.

She said judges must evaluate the contributions of teachers from kindergarten to college and university, a task she described as "very difficult."

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