

Award means more than 'a year's pay'

Algonquin educator
one of 15 recognized
for impact on students

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Don't think you can't do it: Try it and you probably can.

This was just one of many philosophies which were recognized last night at the second annual Capital Educators' Awards. The event recognized 62 educators from Ottawa and gave awards to 15.

Wayne McIntyre, academic chair-

man of marketing and management studies at Algonquin College's School of Business, was one of the recipients of this year's awards.

He said the nomination came to him as a complete surprise.

"You could give me a year's paycheque and it doesn't mean as much to me as what I got tonight," he said.

Outside of his duties at the college, Mr. McIntyre is involved in community groups such as Daly Support Services, an organization dealing with physically and mentally challenged individuals.

Mr. McIntyre is also on the board of governors at Algonquin College and

was president of Personal Choice Independent Living, another group working with challenged individuals.

He says his philosophy on education is that education never stops.

"As much as I am teaching the students, the students are teaching me" he said.

As for life, he says his philosophy is to live it to the fullest.

"You never know what tomorrow is going to bring — just look at what tonight brought me," he said.

The event was organized by the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation and honoured those who made a significant impact on the lives of their

students by acting as role models, instilling confidence and nurturing leadership.

Mr. McIntyre said the problem in our society is that we're all brought up with negatives, but he says he is a person who "goes through life and looks at the positives. Bad things happen, but you have to move on."

What he says he enjoys most about educating is being in a position to make change and being able to mentor people.

"The student doesn't only need the knowledge, the student needs to be a person in the world, and we've got to build people" he said.