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Archie Alleyne

Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

AWARD RECIPIENTS:

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Law:

Julian Falconer

Julian Falconer is a senior partner with the Falconer Charney Macklin law firm. A barrister who is dedicated to human rights, Falconer has argued issues of race in both criminal and civil courts.

Falconer has acted as legal council for the Urban Alliance on Race Relations since 1992. He also co-chaired a groundbreaking conference in Toronto on the "Alternatives to the Use of Lethal Force by Police". The conference brought police and the community together for the first time to discuss the issue of police shootings.

He has also represented families who have lost loved ones through police shootings or died in prison. He represented the families of Robert Gentles, Edmund Yu and Wayne Williams at Coroner's inquests; he worked on the Donaldson inquest; and he represented Jason Burke, whose allegations against the Toronto police was the focus of a recent *Toronto Star* series on racial profiling.

Falconer has published papers on constitutional law, and on issues regarding race and the justice system. He has also co-authored a book on the Ontario Coroner's system.

In a December 2000 profile, the *National Post* described him as "a voice for the powerless".

He is married to colleague Elizabeth; they have two sons.



Media:

Terese Sears

If you own a TV, there's a good chance you will recognize award-winning reporter Terese Sears. Over the past 14 years, while working as a reporter for Global Television, she has interviewed prime ministers, criminal suspects, and ordinary people on the street. She says talking to people is her favorite part of the job — everybody has a story to tell, and she enjoys capturing these stories and sharing them with viewers.

After studying astronomy at University of Toronto, Sears jumped at the chance to work at CityTV. At the station she worked at a variety of jobs that included recording voice-overs and writing and editing feature segments for the debate program, "The Shulman File".

In 1985, Sears was founder and president of The Canadian Fashion Alliance, a company that created publicity and sales strategies for new fashion designers.

Her expertise in fashion and her experience in television led to a job with Global Television as fashion specialist and writer for the News at Noon, Global's midday news program. She went on to take charge of a segment called "Local Hero", which profiled people who make a difference in the community. She has also worked as a lifestyle reporter, and as an education specialist.

Now a senior reporter at Global, Sears is a founding member of the Canadian Association of Black Journalists.

Sears sums up her passion for her work this way: "Television news is about storytelling — thought-provoking, heartstring-pulling, awe-inspiring, laughter-generating stories. They are what compel us to keep watching, and what propel me in my work as a journalist."



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Medicine:

Dr. Anna Jarvis

To work in the treatment of children requires compassion, and community consciousness. Any contribution to the health of a child is a contribution to the well-being of a community.

Dr. Anna Jarvis has worked to better the health of children in Canada since she received her certification from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1976. Since then, her contributions to the practice of Pediatrics have been vast. Dr. Jarvis has been an active staff member of the Emergency department at the Hospital for Sick Children since 1977. She is currently the chair of the Paramedic Task Force at the hospital.

But Dr. Jarvis' contributions move beyond hospital walls. She has taught at the University of Toronto since 1985 and is currently a professor of Pediatrics and the director of Student Affairs for the Faculty of Medicine.

Since her career at the University of Toronto began, Dr. Jarvis has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Jack C. Fallis Teaching Award in the Division of Emergency Service for the Hospital for Sick Children in 2001.

Dr. Jarvis is noted for her extensive contributions to continuing education. On issues pertaining to the practice of pediatrics, Dr. Jarvis is one of the most highly requested speakers in the country. Her abilities as a dynamic and proficient teacher have won her great praise.

She has also made her mark as a doctor who ensures that the public is aware of pediatric safety issues. She has produced numerous pamphlets on common problems associated with children's health.

Dr. Jarvis' contributions to field of medicine, as vast and impressive as they are, are only paralleled by her work in the study of medicine, and the time and effort that she has generously offered to the community.



Politics:

Marlene Jennings

Marlene Jennings, born on the South Shore of Montreal, is the first Black woman in Quebec to be elected to Parliament in the history of the Confederation. She was first elected to the House of Commons in 1997, and was re-elected as MP for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce — Lachine in 2000. She then held the post of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for International Cooperation. In January of this year, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien appointed her as Parliamentary Secretary to the Solicitor General of Canada.

Before being elected to Parliament, Jennings earned over nine years of experience in the area of policing, serving as a member of the Quebec Police Commission and as Deputy Commissioner for Police Ethics for the Province of Quebec.

During her political career, she has been a member of various committees and organizations, including the Joint House of Commons-Senate Standing Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations and the National Liberal Caucus Task Force on the Future of the Canadian Financial Services Sector.

The fluently bilingual politician has gained over 20 years of experience with employment equity and communications for women, aboriginal peoples, and ethnic and racial minorities. She is a committed volunteer in many not-for-profit community associations.

She received the Jackle Robinson Award for Professionals from the Montreal Association for Black Business Persons and Professionals for her outstanding work as a politician.

Jennings is currently a member of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights and is vice-president of its Sub-Committee on National Security.

