

## **Women's Executive Network (WXN) Announces 2021 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winners**

TORONTO, Oct. 25, 2021 – The 2021 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award Winners list was released by Women's Executive Network along with their sponsors today, recognizing 105 outstanding women across Canada who advocate for workforce diversity and inspire tomorrow's leaders.

"When I look at this year's winners, I see a group of radically authentic women who remind us all of what it means to stand up with courage, for themselves and those around them," said Sherri Stevens, Owner and CEO of WXN. "By recognizing and celebrating the strength, fearlessness, resilience and heart these women demonstrate, we can inspire more of the same in generations to come."

The Top 100 Awards span the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, with the winners selected by WXN's Diversity Council of Canada.

"KPMG proudly stands with WXN as they champion the development, advancement and recognition of women across Canada," said Elio Luongo, CEO and Senior Partner, KPMG in Canada. "We celebrate the courageous, authentic women who share their strength and diverse perspectives. Together we can drive positive change and amplify the incredible achievement of women everywhere."

The awards are presented to remarkable women in 13 categories:

- MLSE Arts, Sports and Entertainment
- Canada's Most Powerful CEOs
- C-Suite Executives
- Mercedes-Benz Emerging Leaders
- BMO Entrepreneurs
- CIBC Executive Leaders
- RBC Future Launch Future Leaders
- Inclusion Vanguard, presented by KPMG
- Professionals
- Manulife Science and Technology
- CP Skilled Trades
- Women of Courage
- WXN Hall of Fame

"Mercedes-Benz is pleased to continue its long history of celebrating high-achieving women through its ongoing partnership with WXN," says Eva Wiese, President and CEO of Mercedes-Benz Canada. "Each Top 100 Awards winner exemplifies the vision and drive required to ensure Canada's long-term success. We are inspired by their courage and proud to play a role in recognizing their worth."

Past award winners include some of Canada's most iconic women: The Honourable Dr. Jean Augustine, the first African-Canadian woman elected to the House of Commons; Melissa Grelo, co-host of CTV's The Social; Dr. Shawna Pandya, scientist-astronaut candidate; Michele Romanow, tech entrepreneur and venture capitalist; and Susan Aglukark, award-winning musician.

WXN's Top 100 Awards Program includes a virtual two-day Leadership Summit and Gala on November 24 and 25. Visit <https://wxnetwork.com/page/2021Top100AwardsProgram> for event details and tickets.

For a full list of winners, please visit: <https://wxnetwork.com/page/2021Top100AwardWinners>

### **About WXN**

Women's Executive Network (WXN), a member-based organization, is North America's #1 and only organization that meaningfully propels and celebrates the advancement of women at all levels, in all

sectors, and of all ages. WXN delivers this advancement through training, events, mentoring, networking, and award and recognition programs for members and partners. WXN operates in Canada and the U.S.

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