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SUN WEST PRESENTED WITH C21 CANADA'S LEADERSHIP IN 21ST CENTURY LEARNING AND INNOVATION SCHOOL SYSTEM AWARD

C21 Canada: Canadians for 21st Century Learning and Innovation is a national, not for profit organization advocating for 21st Century models of learning in public education in Canada. C21 Canada advocates for national and provincial education policies and investment levels that support a 21st century learning and innovation education for every learner. Every year C21 Canada Shifting Minds Annual National awards for leadership are presented in three categories, the Individual, School and School System.

This year's award recipients have been nominated and selected by a process inviting 21st century learning and innovation practices from coast to coast. Sun West was recently presented with the award in the school system category.

Vice-president of C21 Canada, Robert Martellacci attended the DLC Grand Opening on February 26th to present Sun West with this prestigious award. "In recognition of Sun West's leadership to embracing the mission of C21 Canada and embedding 21st Century skills, as identified through 'C21's Shifting Minds' research, in division schools in support of "Blended Learning" and "Personalized Learning."

C21 Canada recognizes the innovative work Sun West has done through professional learning with teachers, developing and delivering online courses that lend great support to teachers and students in learning and perfecting 21st Century skills. "With over 100 online courses now being used to support the implementation of "Personalized Learning" in classrooms at all grade levels throughout the school division, Sun West is a proven leader and supporter in modelling the most advanced learning practices on a global scale."

Martellacci commended "Sun West, Dr. Tétrault and his leadership team for the excellence in research work you do that is unparalleled in Canada in the area of 21st Century learning and innovation. I'm thrilled to provide this special recognition to a Canadian school division for being so innovative in finding ways to develop and implement such advanced learning environments to nurture and help prepare today's students to achieve in tomorrow's global knowledge based economy."

Dr. Guy Tétrault added, "This award belongs to all of those dedicated Sun West educators who have invested much time and energy in studying and then implementing Personalized electronically Blended Learning (PeBL) in many different forms! This newly adopted teaching pedagogy is encouraging students to become much more engaged in managing their own learning!"



Pictured: Sun West Board of Education Trustees, Senior Administration and in the front row from left to right; Robert Martellaci, Education Minister, Don Morgan, Sun West Board Chair, Karen Itterman, Director/CEO Dr. Tétrault, former DLC students, Ennis Waldner and Cassandra Maurer and Deputy Education Minister Julie MacRae

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