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## **Prominent Calgary CAs honoured for contributions to their community and profession**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta (ICAA) announced today that 23 Chartered Accountants will be honoured for significant contributions to the CA profession, as well as civic, charitable and other community causes, at the 2006 Merit Awards Gala in Edmonton, on Friday, June 9. Eleven local CAs are among the honourees, including four being awarded the highest recognition the profession bestows—the prestigious Fellow of the Chartered Accountants (FCA) designation.

This year's FCA recipients include Calgarians Joe Doolan FCA, Donald Graves FCA, Blair Nixon FCA and Daryl Ritchie FCA. Joe Doolan FCA is known for his extensive work in the community including serving as a public member for the Alberta College of Pharmacists, serving on the board for the Heritage Park Foundation and Theatre Calgary, and sitting on numerous committees for the University of Calgary and the ICAA. Donald Graves FCA has held leadership positions in a number of business enterprises and is a long-time board member for the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation, including playing a large role in building its endowment fund and promoting the concept for a new hospital. Blair Nixon FCA is the co-managing partner of Felesky Flynn LLP and has demonstrated strong commitment to the community by serving on boards for the Dale Irwin Brain Injury Foundation, the Calgary Minerva Fundraising Foundation and the Manning Centre for Democracy. Daryl Ritchie FCA, the CEO of Meyers Norris Penny LLP in Calgary, worked his way up in the company after first joining as a student in 1978. Under his leadership, the firm has grown to become the only top 10 national CA and advisory firm based in Western Canada.

"We are proud to see so many Chartered Accountants devoting their time and talents to the community and the CA profession," says Jane Halford CA, ICAA CEO & Executive Director. "This year's recipients continue to give back in so many areas, including community organizations, business associations, educational institutions and professional bodies. As a profession, we applaud all of these individuals and the many other CAs who volunteer their time and support."

Other local recipients include Thomas Buchanan CA, Al Hagerman FCA, Bob Hagerman CA, David Hendricks CA, Ray Mack FCA and Jayda Rosenthal CA, who were honoured with Distinguished Service Awards. Tim Coakwell CA, of DeWinton, received an Early Achievement Award. After qualifying for his CA designation in 2000, he has already authored several courses for the ICAA and is the head coach of the Special Olympics golf program in Calgary, responsible for the supervision and organization of more than 100 registered athletes and 24 assistant coaches.

The ICAA has a long history of presenting Merit Awards. Award recipients reflect the many career paths of the profession—politicians, academics, consultants and entrepreneurs. For further details on the 2006 Merit Award recipients, visit [http://www.icaa.ab.ca/events/merit\\_awards/recipients.shtml](http://www.icaa.ab.ca/events/merit_awards/recipients.shtml). A complete list of recipients is as follows:

Fellows of the Chartered Accountants

*Fellowship is based on meritorious service to the profession, or achievements that have brought honour to the profession over a lengthy period of time.*

**John Brennan** FCA, Edmonton

**Bob Demcoe** FCA, Athabasca

**Joe Doolan** FCA, Calgary

**Donald Graves** FCA, Calgary

**Alvin Johnstone** FCA, Red Deer

**Peter Kule** FCA, Edmonton

**James Leckie** FCA, Lloydminster

**Doug Mundell** FCA, Lethbridge

**Blair Nixon** FCA, Calgary

**Daryl Ritchie** FCA, Calgary

**Ivor Ruste** FCA, Edmonton

Distinguished Service Awards

*Awarded to CAs or supporters of the profession who have rendered distinguished service within the last three years, in one area of the following: business, civic, community, political, professional, charitable, research, teaching, or writing activities.*

**Loraine Altenweg** CA, Edmonton

**Thomas Buchanan** CA, Calgary

**Al Hagerman** FCA, Cochrane

**Bob Hagerman** CA, Calgary

**David Hendricks** CA, Calgary

**Ray Mack** FCA, Calgary

**John Pinsent** CA, Edmonton

**Jayda Rosenthal** CA, Calgary

**Bob Rutherford** FCA, Toronto

**Jerry Wilde** FCA, Vegreville

Early Achievement Awards

*Awarded to CAs who, within the first 10 years since qualifying as a CA, demonstrate excellence in professional, civic, charitable, community or other service.*

**Tim Coakwell** CA, DeWinton

**Lydell Torgerson** CA, Grande Prairie

*The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta (ICAA) represents 9,700 CAs and CA students. In cooperation with the Canadian and provincial institutes of Chartered Accountants, the ICAA protects the public interest and ensures that CAs are recognized as Canada's premier accountants and preferred business leaders and advisors, by setting and enforcing the highest professional and ethical standards and by supporting its members in their efforts to enhance their competencies. For more, visit [www.icaa.ab.ca](http://www.icaa.ab.ca).*

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