

YWCA Montreal names 2009 Women of Distinction

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MONTREAL - Three professors, a film director and a business editor at La Presse are among this year's recipients of YWCA Montreal's Women of Distinction awards. The 11 women listed below will be honoured at an awards ceremony on Sept. 21, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Montreal. Ticket sales, donations and sponsorships for the event will be used to support the YWCA's programs. (Tickets cost \$250. For reservations, contact Isabelle Baril at ibaril@ydesfemmesmtl.org.)

Lise Payette: Politician, feminist, writer and former Parti Québécois minister under René Lévesque. Recipient of the Pioneer award. Given to a pioneering woman who, by her life's journey, has opened doors and paved the way for others.

Louise Vandellac: Professor, Sociology Department and Institute of Environmental Sciences, Université du Québec à Montréal. Recipient of the Advancement of Women award.

Mae Jane Nam: Founding member and current board member, Philippine Women Centre of Quebec. Recipient of the Young Woman of Distinction award.

Marquise Lepage: Film writer and director, Les productions du Cerf-Volant. Recipient of the Arts and Culture award.

Christiane Bergevin: Senior vice-president and general manager corporate projects, SNC-Lavalin Group. Recipient of the Business and Professions award.

Michèle Boisvert: Assistant managing editor, business section, La Presse. Recipient of the Communications award.

Iris Almeida-Côté: President and chief executive officer, Canada World Youth. Recipient of the Community Service award.

Arpi Hamalian: Associate professor, Education Department, Concordia University. Recipient of the Education award.

Johanne Boivin: President designer, Les Diffusions Joanel. Recipient of the Entrepreneurship award.

Rima Rozen: Associate vice-principal, research and international relations and James McGill professor, McGill University. Recipient of the Health and Science award.

Thérèse Cadrin Petit: Founder, president and teaching program director, fitness table Thérèse Cadrin Petit. Recipient of the Sport and Wellness award.