



First Annual Women in Business Awards – Recipients

Aboriginal Woman of Distinction Award

Winner: **Mary Louise Bernard** – Owner, Indian Maiden Maple Syrup / Buckskin Tales Gifts & Crafts / Native Trail Tours

Nominees: Rosie Basque – Owner, Rosie’s Hair Salon
Kimby Paul – Owner, Mi’kmaq Gifts & Collectibles
Mona Morris – Manager, Morris Pizza/Construction

Arts & Culture Achievement Award

Winner: **Wendy Smith** – Sole Proprietor, Glass Artisans Studio and Gallery

Nominees: Nancy MacLean – Owner/Manager, Baddeck Gathering Ceilidhs
Kelly MacArthur – Owner/Director/Instructor, MacArthur School of Dance, CapeLand Dance Company

Focus to the Future Award

Winner: **Ashley McKenzie** – Senior Editor/Producer, Shot on Site Media

Nominees: Nicole MacNeil – Media/Graphic Design Intern, Shot on Site Media

Innovator of the Year Award

Winner: **Candace Christiano** – Vice-President, Finewood Flooring & Lumber Limited

Nominees: Susan Phalen – Partner, Superport Marine Services
Michelle Van – Founder, Harbourview Montessori School

Marketer of the Year Award

Winner: **Bette MacDonald** – Partner, Good Dear Productions Limited

Nominees: Melodie MacNeil – Director of Communications & Financial Development, YMCA of Cape Breton
Peggy Bosdet – Owner, The Candy Shop
Cheryl Smith – President/Graphic Designer, OutFront Productions Inc.
Michelle Van – Founder, Harbourview Montessori School
Michelle Newcombe & Monique Delisle – Owners, Michique Fine Handbags

Female Entrepreneur of the Year

Michelle Van – Founder, Harbourview Montessori School