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GOVERNOR GENERAL'S  
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IN TEACHING CANADIAN  
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POUR L'EXCELLENCE EN  
ENSEIGNEMENT DE  
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Her Excellency, the Right  
Honorable Michaëlle Jean

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## --SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD SPY RING LEADER TO BE HONOURED AT RIDEAU HALL-- RECIPIENTS OF CANADA'S BIGGEST TEACHING PRIZE ANNOUNCED

(Winnipeg, Manitoba – September 21, 2006) – Canada's National History Society today announced the six recipients for the 2006 Governor General's Awards for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History. Winning teaching strategies included constructing a real Tipi in Alberta, acting as a secret agent for John A. Macdonald in Ontario, role-playing in the Battle of Chateauguay in Quebec, erecting an historical "Wall of Fame" in Saskatchewan, uncovering a turn-of-the-century soldier's past in Ontario and getting up close and personal with Japanese internment survivors in British Columbia.

"These teachers are the most extraordinary and skilful individuals that you will ever encounter in a classroom", said Deborah Morrison, CEO of Canada's National History Society. "Their role in promoting and preserving Canadian heritage is exemplary, and the Society is pleased to honour them in a way that is unparalleled in Canada".

### The 2006 Recipients of the Governor General's Awards for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History are:

Antony Caruso – Aurora, Ontario  
Kim Chagnon & Mary Scott – Regina, Saskatchewan  
Jennifer Johnson-George – Calgary, Alberta  
Julie-Catherine Mercadier – Montréal, Québec  
Greg Miyanaga – Coquitlam, British Columbia  
Blake Seward – Smiths Falls, Ontario

On September 28, 2006, Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, will honour the recipients during a ceremony at Rideau Hall. Festivities include a reception in the Tent Room, and private tours of the historic residence. While in Ottawa, the Award recipients will be treated to a private luncheon with Her Excellency, a private reception on Parliament Hill with their MPs, formal recognition in the House of Commons, as well as a gala dinner and rare insiders' tour of the Library and Archives Canada Preservation Centre hosted by program partner, **Library and Archives Canada**. "These educators inspire our children, and help them to respect and understand the significance of the stories behind many of the documents housed in the National Library and Archives", said Ian Wilson, Librarian and Archivist of Canada.

“It’s our honour to bring these teachers one step closer to the source of the stories, they work so exceptionally hard to ensure resonate with the youngest members of our Society”.

The Award recipients also get to take home with them a cash prize of \$2,500. Each of their respective schools will also benefit from a \$1,000 cash award. These memorable event and Awards prizes are made possible through the generous support of **TD Bank Financial Group**. “TD is focused on building a better future for our young people and for our communities”, said **Scott Mullin, Vice President, Government and Community Relations**. “These exemplary teachers represent the thousands of teachers in our communities who each day play an important role in fostering a life long joy and love of learning among our youngest citizens. We are proud to celebrate their efforts through these Awards program”.

Detailed biographical information and photos of each of the Award recipients are available for download through the press room of the History Society’s website: [www.historysociety.ca/abo.asp?subsection=new&page=pre](http://www.historysociety.ca/abo.asp?subsection=new&page=pre)

**Members of the media are invited to attend the official presentation of the 2006 Governor General’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History on Thursday, September 28, 2006 at Rideau Hall at 10:00 a.m.**

The Governor General’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History is sponsored by Canada’s National History Society, which is a charitable organization dedicated to popularizing Canadian History. This is the eleventh year for the Governor General’s Awards. Canada’s National History Society publishes **The Beaver: Canada’s History Magazine** and **Kayak, Canada’s History Magazine for Kids**. The History Society also honours achievement in popular history through the **Pierre Berton Award**.

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