

## Taking Care

### SLC'S HONORARY DIPLOMA RECIPIENTS DEMONSTRATE CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

**HONORARY Diplomas are the highest form of recognition that the College can bestow. They are awarded to individuals or organizations whose accomplishments are of such a high degree of excellence that they can be held up as role models, and serve as an inspiration to our graduates and the College community.**

#### Cornwall Campus: Jeff Ridal

Jeff Ridal, Executive Director of the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences, was recognized for his long-standing and outstanding contributions to the College and the community.

Jeff Ridal is a graduate of CCVS in Cornwall and attended Trent University where he majored in chemistry. After completing his Masters degree at the University of Ottawa, he combined his interests in chemistry and the environment through a PhD in Oceanography at Dalhousie University in Halifax. Ridal's post-doctoral appointments brought him to Canada's Centre for Inland Waters (where he worked on the Great Lakes) and then at the University of Montreal where he conducted research on small Laurentian lakes.

He returned to Cornwall in 1995 where he turned his attention to rivers and the development of the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences, serving as research scientist, manager and presently as Executive Director.

In 2004, Ridal helped initiate St. Lawrence College's Environment Technician program and has taught several courses for the program. He is also an adjunct professor at both Queen's University and the University of Ottawa, and has published widely on water quality and the sources and fates of contaminants in the environment. He is also a member of the Canada-US International Joint Commission's Science Advisory Board.

In addition to his activities with the River Institute, his local contributions include serving as the Chair of the Clean Air Cornwall for the past 8 years, and he is a founding member of the Cornwall Carbon Reduction Initiative and the St. Lawrence River Restoration Council.

"Jeff Ridal has been instrumental in the building of the College's very important partnership with the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences," said Chris Whitaker, president and CEO of St. Lawrence College. "We are proud to acknowledge his achievements, his success and his role in enhancing the environment within our



city and area."

#### Brockville Campus: Sandra Lawn


Local community leader Sandra Lawn received an Honorary Diploma from the college to acknowledge her long-standing and outstanding contributions to the community.

In addition to serving as mayor for the town of Prescott from 1977 to 1991, Sandra has made enormous contributions to her community with her support of and service to regional economic development, environmental initiatives, health and literacy promotion programs for children and youth, and a commitment to supporting the arts.

She is a founding member of the South Grenville Economic Development Commission, inaugural member of the Board of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest, Chair of the Charrette for Children, which highlights the urgent need for meeting the emotional and developmental needs of children and

youth in Leeds-Grenville. Her numerous honours include Woman of the Year award from Girl's Inc. of Upper Canada in 2006, the Queen's University Jubilee Medal, 2002 and the Ontario Confederation Medal, 1992. Sandra holds Bachelor's Degree in Science and Master's in Public Administration from Queen's University. She has also taught in the St. Lawrence College nursing and business programs part-time throughout the last 20 years, and was a Board member from 1986 to 1988.

"Sandra Lawn is a great example of someone who gives back to her community," said Chris Whitaker. "We are proud to acknowledge her leadership and generosity with an Honorary Diploma, and hope that our graduates will be inspired by her example." ❦



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