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The Next Generation Awards highlight the extraordinary achievements of emerging Canadian-Italian leaders, pioneers, and visionaries who are redefining the future of both Canada and Italy. Refusing to settle for the status quo, they introduce fresh ideas, champion positive transformation, and expand the boundaries of possibilities.

The world is rapidly transforming and these young professionals are embracing change with determination, continuously challenging conventions and shaping progress across different industries. Fueled by creativity, dedication, and a bold approach to innovation, they are setting new benchmarks in technology, science, business, the arts, design, and social advocacy.

Their influence extends far beyond individual success. These remarkable changemakers act as driving forces for progress, bringing unique insights and an unshakable passion that redefine industries and society. Their impact resonates within communities, leaving a legacy that stretches well beyond their professional accomplishments.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear friends,

It is with great pride that I welcome you to the third edition of the Next Generation Awards. This event stands as a testament to the resilience and vision of the young leaders who are shaping the future of our business community while staying true to the values that define us as Canadian-Italian.
The world is changing at an unprecedented pace. Technology, globalization, and shifting economic landscapes present both challenges and opportunities for the next generation of professionals, entrepreneurs, and innovators. In navigating this dynamic environment, our young leaders must not only embrace digital transformation and new market realities but also uphold the timeless values that have guided our community for generations—hard work, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

Being Canadian of Italian origin is more than a heritage—it is a way of life. It is the fusion of two cultures, a bridge between the traditions that shaped us and the innovations that propel us forward. As we celebrate the accomplishments of tonight's honourees, we recognize their ability to honour the past while embracing the future. They are redefining industries, introducing new technologies, and finding creative solutions to modern challenges—all while preserving the spirit of collaboration and mentorship that has always been the foundation of our community.

At the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario Canada, we are committed to supporting these young leaders. We believe that their success strengthens not only our community but the broader business ecosystem in Ontario.
To the next generation of leaders: may you continue to break barriers and inspire those who will follow in your footsteps. I want to leave you with a quote from one of the most influential leaders of both Italy and Canada in the automotive sector. Sergio Marchionne once said *"the era that we're living is the era of incredibly rapid globalization and the organizations that will survive will be those that have leaders who are open to new perspectives but are not afraid of change."* The future is yours to shape, and we stand beside you every step of the way.

With warm regards,
Marco Zambon, Executive Director

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WINNER

NICK DI SCIPIO

CEO & FOUNDER
PANTHEON 3DP

Nick Di Scipio is the founder of Pantheon 3DP, a startup that leverages the unique capabilities of 3D printing to create brands serving niche markets, including engineering prototypes, tabletop roleplaying games, and custom merch. Nick and his team have successfully brought three brands to market - Pantheon Prototyping, Helios Tabletop, and Mercurio Merch, handling everything from product design to manufacturing in-house. He graduated from York University in 2023 with a specialized honours bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and is currently pursuing a Master's in engineering, focusing on the barriers to 3D printing adoption in Canada.

Nick has received recognition for his contributions to Canadian manufacturing and student entrepreneurship, including being featured in publications like The Logic and receiving awards such as the York University 30 Under 30 alumni and the Bergeron Medal. He is also an active mentor, sharing his knowledge at workshops and events to inspire students to pursue entrepreneurial paths similar to his own experience. With a deep passion for 3D printing, engineering, and innovation, Nick is committed to advancing Canadian manufacturing, one layer at a time

WINNER

STEPHANIE FLORIO

CO-FOUNDER

SWOB INC.

Stephanie Florio is one of the co-founders of Swob Inc., an award-winning social recruitment platform. In November of 2017, Stephanie and her brother, Alexander, launched Swob Inc. Swob is designed to make job searching easy and recruitment even easier. In May of 2018, Sir Richard Branson and Virgin Mobile Canada awarded Swob as the first ever Canadian company to win the "Pitch To Rich" contest.

Stephanie has appeared on BNN Bloomberg, E-Talk, Omni TV, The Marilyn Denis Show, and Elevate Tech Fest in Toronto. Stephanie has also worked with the WE organization as a mentor for the WE Incubation Hub Program, which empowers young social entrepreneurs to develop and launch their own social enterprise. Most recently Stephanie has been nominated for the RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Award presented by Women of Influence.

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FRANCO RECCHIA

FOUNDER & CEO
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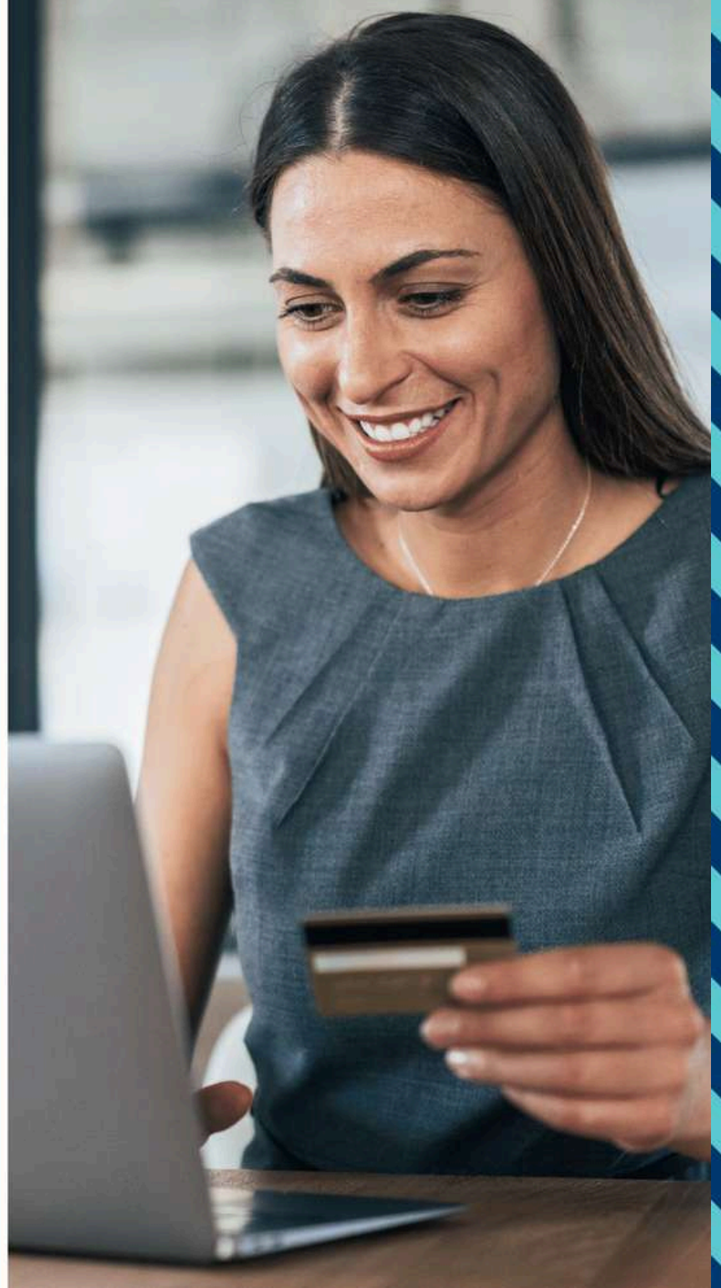
Franco holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Performance and History from the University of Toronto. He is the founder and CEO of Door 24, a creative agency recognized for delivering impactful work in film and media for both small businesses and well-known global brands such as Fairmont Hotels, Veld Music Festival, and Liberty Entertainment Group.

Before founding Door 24, Franco worked as a Therapeutic Clown at the Hospital for Sick Children, where he used his creativity to help bring comfort and joy to young patients



EMCEE

ELYA ORNELAS

EXECUTIVE VP OF ANTI-FRAUD, COMPLIANCE & OPERATIONS

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Elya Ornelas is a formidable presence in the payments industry, as Executive Vice President of Anti-Fraud, Compliance, and Operations at PSP Services Inc., Elya brings a tenacious spirit to the overall growth and well-being of one of Canada's fastest growing fintech companies. At PSP Services Inc., Elya offers extensive expertise and visionary leadership to the executive team. Her role involves not only fortifying anti-fraud measures but also championing compliance and operational excellence. In this role, Elya leverages her position to mentor aspiring women in the payments sector. Her story is one of resilience and transformative leadership, exemplifying the impact of a determined woman at the forefront of enterprise.

Beyond her professional achievements, Elya has left an indelible mark on her community. As a Former Board Chair and Acting Past Chair of the Villanova College Board of Directors, she demonstrated her commitment to education and community development. Additionally, her status as a Schulich School of Business MBA graduate and role on Villanova College's Capital Campaign Committee further underscore her multifaceted contributions.

Most importantly, Elya is also a proud mother to three beautiful children. She is most passionate in this role, finding her true purpose in balancing the demands of business leadership and the joys of family life.

Elya is also the proud daughter to Italian immigrant parents from Frosinone and Pordenone.

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