



News Release

Commissioner Recognizes Outstanding Iqalummiut

IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 22, 2006) - The Honourable Ann Meekitjuk Hanson, Commissioner of Nunavut, presented 17 Iqalummiut with Commissioner's Awards recognizing their expertise and contribution to the community and the territory. The awards were presented at the Commissioner's Levee yesterday evening.

"Celebrating the achievements of Nunavummiut is very important," said Hanson. "It is essential that we recognize the strength, independence and creativity of people who are committed to building our territory. They are an inspiration to us all."

The Commissioner's Awards recipients were acknowledged for acquisition of special skills, bravery and youth achievement.

The Commissioner's Award for Acquisition of Special Skills encourages and recognizes individuals who have shown leadership, have passed on traditional knowledge and wisdom, developed their artistic abilities or have been a source of inspiration to youth and other members of their community or the territory.

The Commissioner's Award for Bravery goes to Nunavummiut who voluntarily risked their lives to save the lives of other people, or who voluntarily sacrificed themselves in a heroic manner for the safety of others.

The Commissioner's Award for Youth Achievement and Accomplishment recognizes Nunavummiut between the ages of 15 and 24, who through their outstanding achievements and accomplishments, have made a positive difference in their community and are a source of inspiration for others.

The Commissioner of Nunavut presents these awards annually throughout the territory.

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Attachment: March 2006 Commissioner's Levee Recipients

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