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“Justin Trudeau and Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business and Professionals to commemorate some of Canada’s brightest students”

Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business and Professionals (“**FPCBP**”) will be honouring exceptional Portuguese-Canadian students at its 25th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner. The event takes place on **Thursday, November 9, 2006** at 6pm at the **Mississauga Convention Centre** in Mississauga, Ontario.

Education Advocate, **Mr. Justin P. J. Trudeau**, will be the guest of honour and keynote speaker at the event. Mr. Trudeau will be meeting personally with the 25 deserving recipients to congratulate and commend them for their commitment towards higher learning as well as deliver a speech to FPCBP members and guests.

Recognizing and promoting academic excellence has been at the heart of the FPCBP agenda. “It brings me great satisfaction to carry on the original vision of the FPCBP Founders.” says **Ana Bailao, FPCBP President**. “Higher learning is the cornerstone of success for the Portuguese-Canadian community, which is why I believe this scholarship program should continue to be one of FPCBP’s main initiatives.”

In addition, for the first time in FPCBP history, a **Leadership Excellence Award** will be granted to a student who exemplifies the highest ideals of leadership, commitment, dedication and service to the community. **Oliver Cardoso** a first year business student at Queens University was selected as the recipient of this distinct award. Oliver’s academic achievements are extraordinary and his civic contributions are considerable.

Oliver has been a top academic performer, ranked very highly in the I SAT scores and won several academic achievement awards, including the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Award. In 2003, Oliver co-founded the Santiago Foundation, a charitable organization to help needy families in Montreal and has devoted time to tutoring and coaching young students. He has also been competitive in golf, and plays varsity sports. Joining him are students who have excelled in Ph.D. programs, law, medicine, engineering, the sciences, and the arts, demonstrating a wide breadth of talent and success.

The FPCBP Scholarship program has already started to show signs of being a national phenomenon. This year, FPCBP received an unprecedented amount of Scholarship applications from High School, College and University students from across Canada. An external Selection Committee, comprised of five university professors; a college administrator; and a High School teacher and department head, had the rigorous, but gratifying task of selecting some of Canada’s brightest Portuguese-Canadian scholars.



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The FPCBP Scholarship program is the oldest and largest in the Portuguese-Canadian community. In the last 6 years alone, FPCBP has awarded over 125 scholarships totaling more than \$300,000 in value to outstanding High School, College and University students from across the country.

About Federation of Portuguese Business and Professionals (“FPCBP”): www.fpcbp.com

FPCBP’s mission is to promote business activity, foster professionalism, develop networking opportunities, enhance political visibility, encourage academic excellence and, as a representative voice, advocate the prominence of our members within and outside the Portuguese-Canadian Business and Professional community.

For further details about the FPCBP Scholarship program please contact 416-537-8874 or email FPCBP at info@fpcbp.com. For more information about FPCBP and its many other initiatives please visit www.fpcbp.com.

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