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“Coloroso and Portuguese Business Association to commemorate some of Canada’s brightest students”

Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business and Professionals (“**FPCBP**”) will be honouring 25 exceptional Portuguese-Canadian students, who have achieved academic distinction, at its 26th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner. This prestigious event will be held at the **Mississauga Convention Centre** on **Thursday, November 8, 2006** at 6pm.

Internationally renowned writer and educator, **Ms. Barbara Coloroso**, is this year’s keynote speaker and the FPCBP is privileged to have her as our guest, for it is always a signal honour to welcome a woman of such outstanding accomplishment. Ms. Coloroso will be meeting personally with the 25 deserving recipients to congratulate and commend them for their commitment towards academic excellence as well as address our assembled membership and guests. **Ms. Raquel Carvalho**, OMNI Personality, will also be partaking in the FPCBP celebration as Master of Ceremonies.

Lena Barreto, FPCBP President, concedes that it was no easy feat in determining this year’s crop of winners. “It proved difficult to honour only 25 recipients in respect to the countless number of applications received because they {youth} were all deserving in their own right. However, I strongly encourage applicants to continue to strive towards academic greatness as we look ahead to next year. Apart from the students, I strongly urge the community to support this time-honoured event by purchasing tickets and coming together to celebrate the academic achievements of our youth.”

For the second consecutive year, a **Leadership Excellence Award** was awarded to an individual who exemplified the highest ideals of leadership, dedication and service to our community. This year’s recipient is **Jenna Rebelo**, a native of Hamilton, Ontario who is in her fourth year at Queens University and has been the recipient of a plethora of awards for her academic and civic contributions.

The remaining 24 applicants are listed below, in their respective categories.

High School --

Kyle de Oliveira, Dante Alighieri Academy
Alicia Rodrigues, St. Joseph’s College
Jessica F. Cordeiro – Ursula Franklin Academy
Tristina Sinopoli, St. Joseph’s College
Thomas Coultor Royle, Holy Trinity Catholic

College –

Amanda De Melo, Vanier College
Michael Sebastiao, Seneca College

Undergraduate –

Laura Da Costa, University of Guelph
Pedro Da Fonseca, York University
Nancy Maltez, University of Ottawa
Andrea Lynn Matos, McMaster University
Roger Correia, Brock University

Ryan Marques, University of Manitoba
Emily Fernandes, Wilfrid Laurier
Ines Ribeiro, McGill University
Kimberly Elias, University of Toronto

Graduate –

Ricardo Baltazar, University of Western Ontario
Nancy Moniz Rebelo, Concordia University
David Batista Dos Reis, York University
Melanie Dawn Henriques, University of Toronto

Victor Costa Moura, York University
Diana Tiburcio, University of Toronto
Jerry Machado, University of Toronto
Amanda Arruda, University of Toronto

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.