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6th Annual Leeds Grenville Immigrant Entrepreneur Award

Nominations are now open for the 6th Annual Leeds Grenville Immigrant Entrepreneur Award. The Award recognizes and celebrates the contributions that immigrant entrepreneurs are making across Leeds and Grenville. To date, nominees from 14 different countries have been nominated for the award.

Until September 11, 2020, the public will be able to nominate an immigrant entrepreneur by submitting the name of the business and the owner. This can be done via the Immigration Partnership's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/LGimmigration), Instagram (@LGImmigration) or via email or phone to Immigration Partnership staff (lauren@eecentre.com / 613-498-2111. All nominations will be evaluated by members of the Immigration Partnership to determine the winner.

Nominees must have been born outside of Canada, live in Leeds and Grenville, and own/operate a business in Leeds Grenville.

As Melissa Francis, Program Manager of the St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership states, "We encourage everyone across Leeds and Grenville to nominate their favourite immigrant run business! This is a wonderful way to give special recognition to those individuals who have taken the risk and put in the hard work to make their business dream a reality."

The award will be presented at the Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre Bridges to Better Business Conference being held in Brockville during Small Business Week in October.

The award is a collaborative effort between members of the St. Lawrence – Rideau Immigration Partnership; the Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre, the Employment + Education Centre, CSE Consulting, TR Leger Immigrant Services / TR Leger Immigrant Services aux Immigrants, KEYS Job Centre and the Volunteer Centre of St. Lawrence – Rideau.

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