



## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### The Next Best

#### Nomination Package

In honour of 50 years of St. Lawrence College, The School of Business will be identifying business students who we believe will make a significant contribution to the business world upon graduation. These students will be recognized as “The Next Best”. The Next Best will recognize those students who are seen to be making a difference today demonstrating the employability skills to be successful in the future. These future oriented essential employability skills include adaptive thinking, interpersonal and cross cultural skills, social intelligence, collaboration, and design mindset. Further description of these skills are provided below.

**Adaptive Thinking:** Grads will be required to be flexible in their thinking, they need to be able respond to sudden change, see alternative perspectives to problems, and be a curious observer of their environment. They will need to be able to work in a complex and unpredictable world.

**Interpersonal and Cross Cultural Skills:** Grads will need to work with diverse audiences, they must easily be able to move between different cultures, different demographic groups, and work with people with different technical expertise.

**Social Intelligence:** Grads will need to be extremely self-aware and understand how their actions, words, and choices may impact themselves and other people. They must be able to understand how to serve others and work to ensure group success over individual success. This skill should be demonstrable in a variety of social contexts including the digital environment.

**Collaboration:** Grads will not just have to work with others, but will have to approach problem solving in a manner that creates new solutions that create conditions of win/win for all stakeholders. Collaboration requires a strong commitment to the relationships involved in problem solving as well as very strong communication skills.

**Design Mindset:** Grads will have to be innovative and demonstrate the skills of ideation and creativity in all aspects of their work. A design mindset requires critical thinking skills, the ability to determine and understand client needs in both the short term and long term. They must be willing to take risk and make decisions without all the facts or clarity on the outcome. 1

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To nominate a student for The Next Best, please follow the steps below. Nomination packages are due by close of business on **Friday, December 1st of 2017**. Packages are to be submitted to Amanda Hulton by email [businesscareers@sl.on.ca](mailto:businesscareers@sl.on.ca) or in person to room 12140. Incomplete packages will not be considered. Further inquiry about The Next Best awards should be made through The School of Business by email at [businesscareers@sl.on.ca](mailto:businesscareers@sl.on.ca).

### **Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for The Next Best award, nominees must:

- Be registered as a full time student in The School of Business, St. Lawrence College - Kingston

### **Nomination Process**

**Step 1:** Complete the Next Best Nomination package which includes:

- Contact information
- Indication of the essential employability skill(s) which you would like the nominee to be recognized for
- Description detailing relevance to the chosen employability skill (max 500 words)

**Step 2:** Submit the completed application package on or before **December 1st, 2017** or email the application package to [businesscareers@sl.on.ca](mailto:businesscareers@sl.on.ca).

**Step 3:** The School of Business Selection Committee will review all nomination packages. Please note there may be a requirement for an interview with nominees to determine successful recipients.

**Step 4:** Successful nominees will be announced and shared daily during the winter semester January to April of 2018.

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**Nominee Information**

<b>Last Name:</b>
<b>First Name:</b>
<b>Student Number:</b>
<b>Email:</b>
<b>Program:</b>
<b>Year of Study:</b>

**Nominator Information**

<b>Last Name:</b>
<b>First Name:</b>
<b>Email:</b>
<b>Relation to nominee:</b>

Check this box to remain anonymous:

**Employability Skill(s)**

Please indicate the employability skill(s) you would like the nominee to be recognized for:

- Adaptive Thinking
- Social Intelligence
- Design Mindset
- Interpersonal and Cross Cultural Skills
- Collaboration

**Description**

Use the space provided or attach a typed document to describe why you are nominating this student for The Next Best recognition award. Please use specific examples and refer to the description of each skill on page one to describe what this person has done to demonstrate the specified skill(s).