



The Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary & Nancy Knowlton, CEO, Nureva Inc, to Receive Prestigious C21 Canada Shifting Minds Award for 2015

Calgary, AB, November 2, 2015 — C21 Canada, a leading not-for-profit organization promoting the accelerated change in teaching and learning practices across Canada will be hosting an awards reception on **Wednesday, November 4, 12 noon**, the Blue Room, adjacent the Hotel Alma at the University of Calgary, 169 University Gate Northwest, in honour of the Werklund School of Education and Nancy Knowlton.

The board of **C21 Canada--*Canadians for 21st Century Learning and Innovation***, have the great pleasure of announcing National Shifting Minds Award winners for 2015 in the categories of System and Individual. This year’s recipients are:

The Werklund School of Education has been nominated to receive the Shifting Minds National Award from C21 Canada for distinctive achievement in the field of **21st Century learning and innovation in the System Award category**. System Awards are presented to recognize the work of enlightened educators working together to advance 21st century models of learning and teaching in Canada. C21 Canada’s awards recognize and celebrate leadership excellence in advancing teaching and learning practices in Canada consistent with our Shifting Minds 1.0 vision and framework document and our Shifting Minds 3.0 Redefining the Learning Landscape in Canada.

“We’re very honoured to be selected for this important award,” said Dean Dennis Sumara of the Werklund School of Education. “Our focus is on research into the manner in which we teach and learn, especially as we move more deeply into this new era in education. To be recognized for our leadership in this area is gratifying.”

“We recognize and applaud the Werklund School’s numerous accomplishments and innovative spirit, said David Roberts, President & Co-Founder of C21 Canada.

Nancy Knowlton has been nominated and selected to receive a Shifting Minds National Award from C21 Canada for distinctive achievement in the field of 21st Century learning and innovation.

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Her nomination and selection is in the **Individual Award category**. Individual Awards are presented to recognize the work of enlightened leaders working together to advance 21st century models of learning in Canada. C21 Canada's awards recognize and celebrate leadership excellence in advancing teaching and learning practices in Canada consistent with the **Shifting Minds** vision and framework document.

"Receiving this award from C21 Canada for contributions to 21st-century learning and innovation in Canada is truly an honour," said Nancy Knowlton. "I would like to recognize the many contributors from committed and creative staff at SMART and Nureva who have worked so hard through the years to make learning fun for so many students."

"We recognize and applaud what Nancy has accomplished through her excellent work at SMART Technologies and currently as CEO at Nureva, where she has continued to demonstrate her thought leadership and passion for lifelong learning through technological innovations," said Robert Martellacci, Vice-President & Co-Founder, C21 Canada.

The Shifting Minds Awards coincide with the semi-annual meeting of the C21 Canada CEO Academy of Canada made up of the top CEO's/Superintendents from across Canada. The C21 Canada CEO Academy established this past year has the participation of the most innovative and progressive CEO's from public school systems across Canada coming together to share and provide insight, leadership and direction to a 21st century learning, innovation and technology agenda.

About C21 Canada

C21 Canada is a national, not for profit organization that advocates for 21st Century models of learning in education. Their belief is that 21st century models of learning must be adopted in public education on an urgent basis to position Canadians for economic, social and personal success in the high skills, knowledge and innovation based economy.

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