



Canadian Propane Association Celebrates CPA Award Winners

OTTAWA, June 6, 2018 – The Canadian Propane Association (CPA) is pleased to announce the winners of its top industry awards at its 2018 Leadership Summit. The CPA recognizes the leadership, commitment and dedication of individuals and organizations through its annual awards program, including the Lifetime Achievement Award and the two new awards this year, the Health & Safety Award and the Innovation Award.

“These awards highlight the contributions of those who are making a difference in the Canadian propane industry and in communities,” said **Nathalie St-Pierre, CPA President and CEO**. “It is these incredible individuals and organizations that push our industry ahead to help create a safe and thriving industry that plays a vital role in Canada’s low-emission energy future.”

George Olah of Toronto received the **2018 Lifetime Achievement Award** for his outstanding commitment to excellence and many years of service to the propane industry. With more than three decades working in the propane industry, George has been a pioneer in developing innovative programs, promoting the industry, volunteering on boards and committees, and training and educating thousands of workers. In the early 1980s, as a former senior energy advisor to the Ministry of Energy, he promoted DrivePropane within the Ontario government, one of the most successful alternative fuels programs in North America. George helped to draft the Ontario Regulation 825/82 which became the basis of all future propane regulations for the safe handling and use of propane in Canada. “It’s nice to be recognized by your peers in the propane industry. It’s an incredible group,” he said.

James Callow, President of Budget Propane in Gravenhurst, Ontario is the recipient of the 2018 **Health & Safety Award**, earned for programs that support and enhance a healthy and safe workplace environment. James has created a strong culture of employee and fleet safety, which is reflected in Budget’s innovative programs, tools and policies to ensure on-going safety performance improvement. “It’s an imperative for us to keep employees safe,” said James.

The **Innovation Award** recognizes initiatives from individuals or organizations that have contributed to the advancement of the propane industry in the areas of product innovation, process/technology, market development or marketing/communications. There are two winners this year, **UPS Canada** and **Otodata Wireless Data Network**.

UPS Canada has been recognized for their exceptional work that has contributed to the advancement of the propane industry (outside of CPA membership). Through their dedication to test alternative fuels and technologies to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and costs, UPS Canada has not only replaced a significant percentage of their fleet with auto propane vehicles, but they actively promote the benefits of auto propane through presentations, promotional material and social media, helping to advance the industry.

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“UPS continues to look for innovative ways to reduce our carbon footprint and to grow our sustainable fleet here in Canada. Propane has allowed us to invest in lower-emissions vehicles without compromising our fleet’s abilities, fuel economy, drivability, or range. With more than 1,100 propane-powered vehicles, making up more than 40% of our fleet, UPS is extremely proud of our alternative-fuel fleet,” said **Floyd Bristol, Vice-President of Automotive**, UPS Canada. “We would like to thank the Canadian Propane Association for their continued support, and for this prestigious recognition.”

Otodata Wireless Data Network received an award for innovation in technology for their remote tank-level monitor that provides precise and accurate tank level data. This product, the only one of its existence in Canada, was developed in direct response to the needs of the propane industry and is designed for Canadian weather conditions. Otodata consistently responds to the requests of their customers, continuously improving the technology to meet their needs.

“We are very proud to receive this award,” said **André Boulay, President** of Otodata. “We’ve been working in the fuel industry for five years. It’s an industry that we are very happy to participate in, bringing affordable solutions to field operators.”

Ralph Harvey of St. Thomas, Ontario is the winner of the **Propane Trainer of the Year**. This award celebrates engaging and inspiring trainers who are best in their class and achieve a level of excellence in the classroom. Recently retired from Dowler-Karn Limited, Ralph has trained thousands of courses in numerous settings from retail to industrial while also supporting customers through the many changes that have occurred in the propane industry. “I found it very rewarding teaching people about the safety of propane and its properties,” said Ralph, who spent almost 40 years of work in the industry, doing both sales and training.

This year, there are two recipients of the Student Scholarship Award, funded annually by the **International Association of Young Gassers**: **Emily Bestwick** of Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia and **Jessica Beltz** of Landmark, Manitoba.

For more information about the CPA Member Awards, please visit www.propane.ca.

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About the Canadian Propane Association

With over 400 members, the Canadian Propane Association is the national association for a growing, multi-billion-dollar industry that impacts the livelihood of tens of thousands of Canadians. Its mission is to promote a safe and thriving propane industry that plays a vital role in Canada’s energy sector. To achieve this, the CPA champions propane and the propane industry in Canada and facilitate best practices, safety and a favourable business environment through advocacy, training and emergency response.

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