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Dr. Richard B. Baltzan, O.C.

Saskatoon's Dr. Richard B. Baltzan is a distinguished medical specialist and administrator. He has helped improve the quality of patient care and medical education at the local, provincial, national and international levels, dedicating himself to the practice of internal medicine and nephrology for more than four decades.

As a leader in his profession, he has promoted the highest standards of medical practice in Canada. He served as chief of medicine at Saskatoon's St. Paul's Hospital and clinical professor of medicine at the College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan. He is past president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan, the Federation of Provincial Medical Licensing Authority, the Medical Council of Canada and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

He recognized the importance of physician public accountability and established one of the most progressive educational tenets for physicians in the world with the Maintenance of Certification Program, in which all member physicians of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada must demonstrate their dedication and commitment towards ongoing learning and growth.

Dr. Baltzan was instrumental in establishing the first dialysis unit in Saskatchewan at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon. He was an integral member of the transplantation team that performed the second kidney transplant in Canada and the first in Saskatchewan.

As chief of the medical staff at St. Paul's Hospital, he established the first same day surgery unit in Saskatchewan.

Dr. Baltzan was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2010 and is a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012. He is a Fellow in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and was inducted into the McGill Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 for his excellence in Hockey.

306-222-4502 (Saskatoon)

John V. Cross

John Cross celebrates Saskatchewan's potential and advances its innovation by bridging agriculture, business and bioprocessing research. Born in the United Kingdom, he was the founding executive director in 1975 of POS Pilot Plant Corporation, which saw clientele expand from one country in its first year of operation to more than 40 today. He became a model for Saskatchewan entrepreneurs, laying the foundations that led to the development of "world firsts" of canola oil processing and deheated mustard.

In 1980, along with two partners, he co-founded one of Saskatchewan's earliest biotechnology companies, Philom Bios and at the same time also created a new category of agricultural inputs – inoculants, which allowed farmers to increase productivity without chemicals. Products

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included *Jumpstart*, the world's first commercial phosphate inoculant and *TagTeam*, the world's first combination nitrogen and phosphate inoculant. At the time the company was sold to the multinational company Novozymes in 2007, *JumpStart* alone had increased farmers' income in Western Canada, and created hundreds of jobs, and millions in royalty payments for Canadian researchers.

He has served on the board of directors of various research-related organizations including the Saskatchewan Research Council, the National Research Council, Ag-West Bio, Fytokem, Genome Prairie and POS Bio-Sciences. He was also involved in Agri-Vision, which fostered innovation for the rural economy. He served on the Royal University Hospital Foundation Board, the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Board, the federal government's Pest Management Advisory Committee, the Saskatchewan Young Professional and Entrepreneurs in Saskatoon, and the Raj Manek Business Mentorship Program.

Mr. Cross is the recipient of the Ernst and Young, Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 1995 and 2004, the Abex Award, New Saskatchewan Product of the Year, the SABEX Award for Business of the Year, the Ag-West Biotech, BioScience Award for Entrepreneurial Leadership and Vision, and the Greater Saskatoon District Chamber of Commerce, First Award for Agri-Business Leadership Award. Philom Bios was twice named one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies. He is an honorary member of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists.

306-343-8886 (Saskatoon)

May Henderson

Born and raised in Prince Albert, May Henderson is currently the provincial secretary of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan. Focused on building bridges between the Aboriginal community and the wider Saskatchewan public, her commitment and advocacy regarding issues faced by Métis has led to significant positive changes within the Saskatchewan community.

She has spent her career in service. As the executive director of the Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre, and now in her current role with the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, she remains an ardent promoter of Métis rights and accomplishments and her efforts have converged on improving the lives of Aboriginal people. She often plays a lead in community activities to celebrate the richness of Aboriginal heritage and led the Native Graduate Recognition Program where the successes of Aboriginal students are celebrated. She is committed to improving the quality of life for children, youth, adults and Elders, and is active in numerous social issues, including missing and murdered Aboriginal women, poverty reduction and community safety.

She was a board member of the Central Urban Métis Federation Inc., president and treasurer for the Prince Albert Métis Local # 7, and is the president of the local chapter of the West Region Métis Women.

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She is chair of the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation, a board member for the Back to Batoche Festivals, board member and treasurer of the Métis Addiction Council of Saskatchewan, and treasurer of Gabriel Dumont Institute.

Ms. Henderson is a recipient of the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan, 2005; the YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Leadership and Management; the Gabriel Dumont Sash for serving the Métis Community; and the United Way W.A. Milne Strength of Spirit, Volunteer of the Year Award.

306-270-9896 (Saskatoon)

Grant J. Kook

Grant Kook – entrepreneur, investment fund manager and philanthropist – has a long and distinguished career in giving and has made significant and lasting contributions to Saskatoon and Saskatchewan. He has spearheaded initiatives supporting the Children’s Hospital of Saskatchewan and served as chair of the related Foundation.

As founder, president and chief executive officer of Westcap Mgt. Ltd., Saskatchewan’s largest private equity and venture capital fund manager with more than \$500 million under management, he helps to promote Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan investments in markets abroad. He provides oversight and management to the HeadStart on a Home Program, the First Nations and Métis Fund, the Business Ready Investment Development Gateway (BRIDG) Program and the Golden Opportunities Fund, Saskatchewan’s first provincial retail investment fund with more than 25,000 shareholders and recognized as the Labour Fund of the Year in Canada in 2004.

Mr. Kook has served as chair of the 2013 and 2014 CIS University Cup Men’s Hockey Championship, vice president of the 2004 Nokia Brier Organization, sponsorship chair for the 2006 Vanier Cup and vice president of sponsorship for the 2010 World Junior Hockey Championships. He is a founding board member of the Saskatchewan Hockey Hall of Fame. He also lends his support to the Saskatoon Hilltops Football Bowl Campaign and the Saskatoon United Way committee to end homelessness.

Mr. Kook is the recipient of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012, and the Commemorative Medal of the Centennial of Saskatchewan, 2005. He has been recognized with many awards including the 2013 Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Award for Community Involvement, the 2013 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Volunteer of the Year Award, the 2012 Saskatoon and Area United Way Dinner Honoree, the 2008 B’nai Brith – We Are Proud of You Award. In 2008, he was named one of Saskatchewan’s Men of Influence by Saskatchewan Business Magazine. He has earned the Chartered Director Designation (C. Dir.) from McMaster University DeGroote School of Business.

306-652-5557 (Saskatoon)

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Dr. Jim Miller

An exceptional scholar, Dr. James Miller has played a critical role in bringing public understanding to Aboriginal history in Saskatchewan and Canada. His pioneering work has helped establish Native-Newcomer relations, treaty rights and the residential schools as serious areas of scholarship in Canada and he has had a profound impact in the public sphere by providing historical context for those working to resolve the many difficult issues involved in this relationship.

Dr. Miller is widely recognized as the author of the first comprehensive account of this subject in Canada, *Skyscrapers Hide the Heavens: A History of Indian-White Relations in Canada*, and *Sweet Promises: A Reader on Indian-White Relations and Canada*. He shaped the country's understanding of the residential school system in his book *Shingwauk's Vision: A History of Native Residential Schools*. This was the first history of residential schools and has been influential with Aboriginal leaders as well as provincial and federal governments. It is used for context and reference when dealing with this issue and resolving abuse claims. His works build understanding that the treaties are the foundation of the Native-Newcomer relationship and are a fundamental building block of Canada's history as a nation.

He was co-curator of an exhibit on the history of treaty-making for Library and Archives Canada, has acted as research advisor for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and is the Canada Research Chair in Native-Newcomer Relations in the Department of History, University of Saskatchewan. He has given hundreds of media interviews on residential schools, treaties and land claims, and other critical issues and is a recognized expert on the subject.

Dr. Miller is a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012 and the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan, 2005. He has been recognized with numerous awards including the Gold Medal for Achievement in Research from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council in 2010, and is the first person from Saskatchewan to achieve this honour. He is also the recipient of the Distinguished Researcher Award from the University of Saskatchewan and is a Fellow in the Royal Society of Canada.

306- 966-5806 (Saskatoon)

Dr. George R. Reed, C.M., LL.D.

Dr. George Reed is a living legend of the Saskatchewan Roughriders and the Canadian Football League (CFL). He was born in Mississippi and raised in the State of Washington. Before beginning his 13 year Riders' career, he played football with Washington State University. His Hall of Fame career was highlighted by playing in four Grey Cup championship games and leading the CFL in rushing nine times. In honour of the 100th Grey Cup in 2012, Canada Post used his image on a series of commemorative stamps.

He served two terms as president of the CFL's Players' Association. Following retirement from professional football, he served with various community-vested organizations, such as the

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Canadian and Saskatchewan Special Olympics, the Saskatchewan Abilities Council, Muscular Dystrophy Canada, the United Way and he chaired the Easter Seals campaign.

A lifetime commitment of giving back to the community, his greatest accomplishment was the official establishment of the George Reed Foundation for the Handicapped in 1974. The Foundation also supports the Mother Teresa Middle School, worthwhile charitable organizations and the Foundation entered into a partnership with the University of Regina to create a vision for a centre of research and development in the area of pictogram research and other forms of visual communication.

He is a recipient of the Schenley Award in 1965 as the CFL's most outstanding player, the 1966 Most Valuable Player in the Grey Cup and was the inaugural winner of the Tom Pate Memorial Award for his outstanding playing ability and community service. He has been inducted into the Saskatchewan and Canadian Sports Hall of Fame as well as the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.

Dr. Reed was invested as a Member of the Order of Canada, 1978. He is a recipient of the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, 1992; the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, 2002; and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012. He was conferred with an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1981 for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of the disabled.

306-787-5418 (Regina)

Arthur Wakabayashi, C.M.

Arthur Wakabayashi's career with the federal and provincial public services spanned more than 35 years. At the age of 32, he became deputy provincial treasurer in the Government of Saskatchewan. With the Government of Canada, he held the positions of assistant deputy minister of policy in the Ministry of the Solicitor General and federal economic development co-ordinator (Saskatchewan). He served again with the Government of Saskatchewan as its negotiations representative for the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement and deputy minister at the Ministry of Finance. As the provincial negotiator for the Saskatchewan Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement, he played a significant role in the negotiations between the Government of Saskatchewan, the Government of Canada and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations which resolved the nearly century-old treaty land shortfalls of 25 First Nations.

Following retirement, he was appointed the honorary consul general of Japan in Saskatchewan, a post he held for 20 years advocating the importance of Japan as a vital trading partner and promoting cultural and student exchange programs. He served two, three-year terms as the chancellor of the University of Regina and chair of the University Senate. He was a member and vice chair of the Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission. He is a member of the Departmental Audit Committee for Western Economic Diversification Canada.

Community minded, he sat as board member of the Ranch Ehrlo Society, holding the roles of treasurer and chair of its Finance Committee. He provided financial oversight for the operating and capital costs of a range of assessment, treatment, education support, residential and

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community services designed to improve the social and emotional functioning of children, youth and families. He is also member of the Regina Rotary Club and Wesley United Church.

Mr. Wakabayashi was conferred with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays from the Government of Japan in 2012. He was invested as a Member of the Order of Canada in 2001 and is a recipient of the Canadian Centennial Medal, 1967; the Commemorative Medal of the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, 1992; the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, 2002; the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan, 2005; and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. He is also a recipient of the Lieutenant-Governor's Medal of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada in 1988 and the Governor General Medal, University of Saskatchewan, 1953.

306-789-3221 (Regina)