



CHIEF JUSTICE OF CANADA RECEIVES 2005 'YES SHE CAN' AWARD

May 25, 2005, Winnipeg, Manitoba - The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, received the 2005 Balmoral Hall School "Yes *She Can*" Award in recognition of her professional achievement and dedication to public service at a gala dinner in Winnipeg on Tuesday, May 24, 2005.

After receiving her award, Chief Justice McLachlin provided her perspective on the evolution of women in the judiciary in Canada and noted that four of the nine current Supreme Court of Canada justices are female. She also shared with the attendees her pleasure in the confidence, vigour and eloquence in their hope for the future expressed by the Balmoral Hall School (BH) students she met during a tour of the school that afternoon. The Chief Justice closed her remarks with a challenge to the assembled group of parents and business people to actively support the aspirations of girls and young women into fields like law.

Claire Sumerlus, Head of School at BH remarked, "Role models like Chief Justice McLachlin inspire our girls and young women to set their sights on any goal of their choosing." She continued, "I am proud of the role BH plays in supporting the development of the next generation of exceptional women".

The "Yes She Can" award is presented annually by BH to celebrate positive role models for young women and to recognize the achievements of women who have gained national and international prominence in their fields of endeavour. Previous recipients include V. Maureen Kempston Darkes, President of General Motors' Latin America, Africa and Mid East Division and Linda Cook, former CEO of Shell Canada and currently Executive Director Gas & Power and a Managing Director Royal Dutch Petroleum Company.

Winnipeg-based Balmoral Hall School is Canada's premiere all-girls independent school delivering a rigorous academic experience in a nurturing, caring environment. At BH, a focus on technology integration, development of the whole child, critical thinking skills necessary for success and best practices that address girls learning have resulted in outstanding achievement in every area of study.

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