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Dr. Roland Case awarded Canada’s Meritorious Service Medal from Governor General

VANCOUVER, March 2021 – Dr. Roland Case, co-founder and former Executive Director of [The Critical Thinking Consortium](#) has been awarded Canada’s Meritorious Service Medal* (Civil Division). This honour, one of the highest in the country, has been conferred upon Dr. Case by the Governor General of Canada. The award is a testament to his outstanding achievement and service to the nation.

Canada as a nation is stronger as a result of the work of Dr. Roland Case. He has supported educators and students to engage in the world as critical thinkers. Learning to think critically, creatively and collaboratively deepens learning and better prepares young people to be active, contributing members of civil society in an increasingly diverse and turbulent world.

Roland Case “has worked tirelessly to develop critical thinking pedagogy and the non-profit Critical Thinking Consortium to provide and support it for over a quarter century, starting in British Columbia and spreading across the entire country and internationally,” says Bruce Beairsto, Chair of Board of the non-profit organization. “I am delighted to see Roland receive such a distinguished and well-deserved honour.”

Dr. Case’s work in re-imagining teaching and learning to focus on nurturing thinking in all students has had a transformative impact on education in every province and territory in Canada. He has provided both the intellectual and organizational leadership, as a professor of education and as co-founder and Executive Director of The Critical Thinking Consortium, to ensure that Canadian students from kindergarten to post-secondary and graduate school develop the capacities required for life and career success in a knowledge economy and information age. “His impact on my teaching career and my life has been transformative,” says current Executive Director Usha James. “It has been such a privilege to be a part of an approach that re-ignites educators’ passion for teaching and sparks meaningful engagement, curiosity, and deep understanding in learners everywhere.”

Dr. Case has inspired a fiercely committed, highly engaged team that works tirelessly to support Canadian teachers in districts and schools across the country in the quest to nurture quality thinking among students who are committed to carrying on and expanding his legacy. He has remained committed to maintaining the structure, approach, and ethos of a non-profit, regardless of the growing popularity of the Consortium’s support, to ensure that every educator in every jurisdiction across Canada can access sustained professional learning about the rich critical thinking pedagogy that he has been fundamental in developing. Indeed, The Critical Thinking Consortium has collaborated with schools, districts, and other organizations involving over 200,000 teachers and educational leaders in Canada and worldwide

His decoration will be publicly announced by the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General (OSGG) later this winter. Following the announcement, Dr. Case’s name will be published in the Canada Gazette and will appear on the Governor General’s [website](#). A presentation ceremony will be held at a later date.

The Critical Thinking Consortium will be celebrating Dr. Roland Case’s achievement at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 23rd, 2021.

About TC²

TC² is a Canadian not-for-profit organization that partners with education leaders to advance critical, creative, and collaborative thinking. It provides resources and professional development opportunities that inspire and support educators, parents, and students. Based in Vancouver, BC, but with consultants and facilitators spread across the country, TC² works with more than 70 partners in Canada, the United States, and beyond. Since its inception, TC² has hosted more than 5000 professional learning events, serving more than 200 000 educators and advancing critical, creative, and collaborative thinking for hundreds of thousands of students.

Additional Information

* Meritorious Service Decorations recognize great Canadians for exceptional deeds accomplished over a limited period of time that bring honour to our country. They honour achievements in both military and civil divisions. The [Meritorious Service Decorations](#) (Civil Division) were established to recognize remarkable contributions in many different fields of endeavour, from advocacy initiatives and health care services, to research and humanitarian efforts. Past recipients have tackled poverty in their community, improved education opportunities for children in Canada and abroad, or raised awareness of important causes and issues.

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