

VOscars Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient 2018

James G. McCracken

Mr. McCracken retired as director of education for the Ottawa Catholic School Board after a 34 year career in education. He has been a teacher, department head, vice-principal, principal, supervisory officer, deputy director and director of education.

Mr. McCracken has been volunteering on the board of directors of a wide range of organizations in the Ottawa community over the past twenty years including:

- Director, United Way of Ottawa Board of Directors
- Campaign Chairperson, United Way of Ottawa
- Chairperson, United Way Board of Directors
- Director, Board of Directors, Success by 6
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- President of the Catholic Education Foundation of Ottawa
- Director, Shepherds of Good Hope
- Governor/vice chair, Board of Governors, The Ottawa Hospital
- Chair of the Board of Governors, The Ottawa Hospital
- Director, University of Ottawa Heart Institute
- Director/vice chair, Board of Directors, Ontario Hospital Association
- Chair of the Board of Directors, Ontario Hospital Association



Mr. McCracken's honours include:

- The Benemerenti Medal conferred by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI for distinguished service to the Catholic Church and Community
- The Distinguished Civic Award for Humanitarianism awarded by the City of Ottawa

- The Distinguished Leadership Award conferred by The Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers Association
- The EXL Award for exemplary leadership presented by The Canadian Association of School Administrators
- The Special Award for Distinguished Service to Catholic Education conferred by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
- The Community Builders Award presented by United Way Ottawa
- May 20, 2010 was proclaimed as James G. McCracken Day in the City of Ottawa in recognition of his contributions to education and community service.
- St. Joseph's Women's Centre Quality of Life Award

Mr. McCracken holds a B.A. (hons) from Carleton University, a B.Ed from the University of Toronto, and a M.Ed. from the University of Ottawa.