

Please join us at the 2009 Employer Forum and Champion Awards Ceremony, as we celebrate the tenth anniversary of Passport to Prosperity. We will recognize the strong partnerships that continue to thrive between our organizations and schools, as a result of this initiative, and the many benefits to our employers and students across the province. With expected attendance of over 100 employers from across the province, the event will feature remarks by the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Education, and Dr. Peter Jensen as keynote speaker.

Tuesday, April 28, 2009
Westin Harbour Castle

1 Harbour Square, Toronto – Regatta Room

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.

Forum: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Awards Ceremony: 10:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Speakers

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Ontario Minister of Education

Keynote Dr. Peter Jensen

Student Panel Past, Present and Future

Please RSVP to Laura Tocker by April 13th, 416-413-4614 or laura.tocker@hillandknowlton.ca



PASSPORT
to prosperity

*Celebrating 10 years
of school-work partnerships*

On behalf of the Provincial Partnership Council, we would like to extend to you, as a leading employer, a personal invitation to the 2009 Employer Forum and Champion Awards Ceremony to be held April 28, 2009 in Toronto.

In 2009, we are celebrating *Passport to Prosperity's* tenth anniversary and the positive impact the campaign continues to have on employers and students across Ontario.

Passport to Prosperity is an initiative led by the Council in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. The initiative works to increase employer participation in experiential learning programs for Ontario high-school students, such as workplace tours, job shadowing, mentoring, cooperative education, school-work transitions, and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

As noted in the enclosed invitation, the Employer Forum and Champion Awards Ceremony will feature Ontario Minister of Education Kathleen Wynne. The Minister will speak on the importance of partnerships between schools and businesses that facilitate vital work experience opportunities for high school students, supporting the government's priority to improve student achievement. The morning's keynote speaker will be Dr. Peter Jensen, founder of Performance Coaching Inc. and author of "The Inside Edge - High Performance through Mental Fitness". Dr. Jensen will address effective coaching strategies that can help both employers and educators achieve success.

Since *Passport to Prosperity's* inception in 1999, more than 26,000 employers throughout Ontario have realized the value of welcoming students to the workplace and providing them with the skills and training they need to keep our economy thriving. Looking ahead to the next decade, the need to provide students with a range of experiential learning opportunities will only grow stronger.

Together we can foster the next generation of skilled and talented workers who will meet the needs of our changing economy. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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Tom Flanagan and Jon Hamovitch
Co-Chairs, Provincial Partnership Council