



# LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP AND NATION-BUILDING FOR OUR TIMES



## Canadian National Leadership Program

### *Extracts of a letter to the Prime Minister*

**W**hen made aware of the Breakout initiative, the University of Alberta saw a natural convergence of interests. With our relations with the military, and building upon our established reputation, and consistent with the University's vision to develop leadership attributes in our students, the notion of the Canadian National Leadership Program was most appealing. To that end we have indicated a willingness to work with the appropriate authorities and departments to develop and deliver a proof of concept pilot programme.

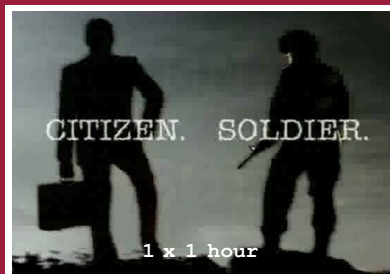
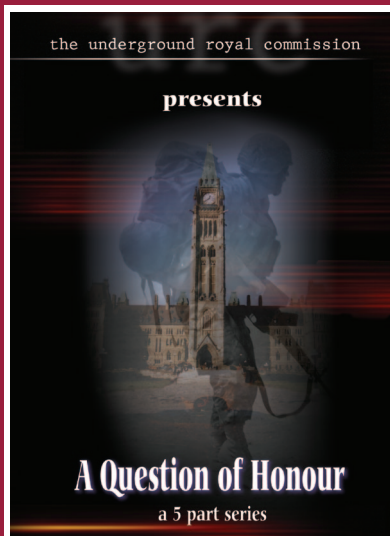
*In support, we join many of your Members of Parliament and Senate Members, as well as those elements of the citizenry who wish only to expose and further develop the leadership potential in our young Canadians for the benefit of this great country.*

**Carl G. Amrhein,  
Provost and Vice-President (Academic),  
University of Alberta**



Our research and development of **A Question of Honour**, a **five part documentary series** on Canada's foreign and defence policies, convinced us that Canadians had become disconnected from their military and needed to be much better informed and engaged with it.

In response we, Breakout, proposed the **Canadian National Leadership Program**, a contemporary version of the previous officer training program (COTC).



### **Hon John Fraser, former Speaker of the House, COTC UBC**

**“When they ended the officer training at the universities they denied a lot of young Canadians a chance to serve the country and understand the military. But they also denied the country something. They denied the country of the leaders that program created.”**

### **Ed Broadbent, former leader of NDP, URTP U of Toronto**

**“It's important for men and women that go into strictly civilian life to know something about the details of the role of a military in a democratic country like ours. And I think that having their presence in the provincial legislatures and the Parliament of Canada is an unequivocal plus.”**

### **Former Senator William Rompkey, UNTD Memorial University**

**“This is a nation building organization, or was and should be again. It gives you a knowledge of Canada. It gives you an experience of Canada. And I think now is the time to bring back the UNTD and the COTC and the URTP, to give Canadian students that option. They will learn to be Canadians. They will meet other Canadians. They will get an identity that they never had before. All your hard work paid off. Looking forward to more university initiatives. Well done and congratulations to the Minister and CF.”**

### **Peter S. Milson, Captain, RCN (Ret'd)**

**“Warmest congratulations on your success. A major breakthrough and hopefully the start of a brave new program like the one that so positively impacted our lives.**

**Yours aye.**

### **J.L. Granatstein, Historian, former Director, Canadian War Museum**

**“Canada needs to better connect its people to its military. That serves the public interest – and, because the military can train men and women to be leaders, it serves the individuals' interests too. What better place to do this than in the universities? These documentaries ably make this case.”**

### **Lt Gen (Retd) Michel Maisonneuve**

**“Breakout's initiative to create a bridge between ordinary Canadians and their military, points the way to a future where citizens are more aware and more engaged.”**





**Thomas d'Aquino, former CEO and President, Canadian Council of Chief Executives**

**“What extraordinary news! Vision, leadership and tenacity have been rewarded at last. Hats off to all who made this happen - especially to Rob, to Inta who made a point of keeping me in the loop, and to my dear friend Kitson who once said “we will win this one, however long it takes!”**

**John Rankin, Director, DeGroote School of Business at McMaster University**

**“Wow! Congratulations to you and your colleagues upon realizing a dream that took so many years of hard work and faith. I’m so happy for you and for all Canadians that will benefit from this great initiative.”**

**David Harris, Director, International Intelligence Program, INSIGNIS Strategic Research Inc.**

**“Allow me to support the congratulatory motion. Well done, to all concerned.”**

**Morton J. Mendelson, Ph.D. Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning), McGill University**

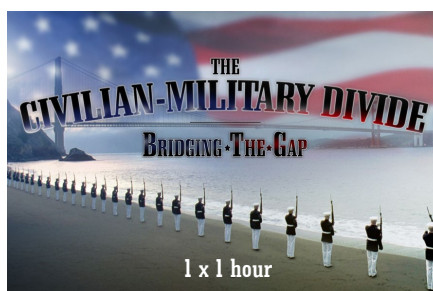
**“I wish you a hearty congratulations on your successful launch and good luck on the pilot.”**

**Darrell J. Bricker, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer, Ipsos Public Affairs**

**“Wonderful, sustained work by HCol Emeritus Poy who continues to serve both the Regiment and the CF to the very highest standard. Huzzah!”**

**George Petrolekas, is on the Board of the CDA Institute and served as an advisor to two Chiefs of the Defence Staff**

**“Congrats .....this is really quite a stunning accomplishment considering the mountain of bureaucratic impediment it had to surmount”**



**Dr. Douglas Bland, L. Col (Ret'd), Former Chair of Defence Studies at Queen's University**

**“After all your persistent efforts and the sometimes gloomy forecasts over the years BEN (Breakout Educational Network) has created something unique, a citizen initiated major federal policy aimed, in this case, at establishing a CF/student connection in a Canadian university.”**

## **NEWS RELEASE July 8, 2013**

**“Ladies and gentlemen, just as this Government is making significant strides to commemorate the past, we are also seeking out opportunities to position ourselves for the future. In that regard, I am very pleased to announce a four-year pilot project between the Canadian Armed Forces and the University of Alberta, called the Civil Military Leadership Pilot Initiative. This project was originally promoted by the Breakout Educational Network, in particular Rob Roy.”**

**The Honorable Peter MacKay,  
Minister of National Defence on Breakout's crucial role in the vision of the CMLPI**

**Dr. Daniel Woolf, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Professor of History at Queen's University**

**“We will follow Alberta's experiment with great interest.”**

**Don Macnamara,  
Associate Professor, Queen's University**

**“Thanks to Kit, Inta and Rob. At long last- a great leap forward for Canada - Well done one and all!”**

# Building the CNLP into a national, all service, program that will deliver “Leadership, Citizenship and Nation-Building”

**David Naylor, President University of Toronto**

**“The short answer is YES. Count us in, as interested in principle, but, obsessively, let me restate the two preconditions:**

**Fully funded and available on a voluntary basis, this is an excellent idea, and I bet we’d have serious take-up among our students.”**

**Gary Kachanoski, Office of the President and Vice Chancellor, Memorial University**

**“As I indicated in our discussion I believe the CNLP concept is beneficial and identifies strongly with Memorial’s engagement framework. After consideration and review of the material provided, I can now confirm that Memorial strongly endorses and supports the initiative.**

**Given that Memorial University was created as a living memorial to Newfoundland and Labrador’s war dead, it is only natural that we support any initiative to provide great education and training to Canada’s military.”**

**Jane Hutton, Director UBC Robson Square Associate Vice President, Continuing Studies UBC**

**“Terrific news - and a great statement that highlights your own leadership and tenacity as this program initiative takes flight in Alberta. Congratulations!**

**I will share the information with some UBC colleagues and see if we can capture interest with this update. Perhaps as the U of A success unfolds, we can find some champions here as well. Wishing you great success moving forward with the pilot”**

**Anick Lessard, Vice-doyeene I Enseignement et développement I Faculté des lettres et sciences humaines chez Université de Sherbrooke**

**“Looking forward to collaborating with you on this program.”**

**David Shimmelpenninck van der oye, Professor, Brock University**

**“This is very good news! When can we start one at Brock?”**

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