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JABC Awards Presented to BC's Top Student Entrepreneurs

British Columbia, June 11, 2009 - Junior Achievement of British Columbia (JABC) is pleased to announce '**GG Go Green**' has won the coveted 2009 **CIBC Student Venture of the Year Award**. This after-school program was staffed by students from Vancouver, Burnaby, Surrey and New Westminster.

The group designed stainless steel water bottles to promote consumer awareness of environmental damage caused by the plastic containers. '**GG Go Green**' took every opportunity to market their product in the community, with successful sales at the **Vancouver Winter Market, Granville Island Public Market and Portobello West Fashion and Art Market**. Members of '**GG Go Green**' chose to re-invest their salaries and commissions back into '**GG Go Green**' to maximize both the return to their shareholders and the donation made to the charity 'Friends of the Earth'. The group also took home the awards for Environmental Stewardship and Outstanding Shareholder's Report.

The award was presented last night at the "Celebrate JA!" event, sponsored by CIBC and held at SFU, Segal Graduate School of Business in downtown Vancouver. Over 50 students were honoured at the reception for their outstanding performance, creativity, and demonstration of business acumen. To be eligible for JABC's highly competitive and prestigious awards, each of the students participated in one or both of JABC's high school programs, JA TITAN or Company Program – A Student Venture.

Andrea Holmes, the night's guest speaker and RBC Paralympian, spoke about inspiration and the importance of following your dreams. Tim Manning, Chair of the JABC Fundraising Committee, presented plaques to program donors, with help from Wendy Ming. Wendy, a student from University Hill Secondary and winner of the **Award for Excellence and Leadership**, also addressed the audience and thanked the numerous volunteers and teachers who support JABC programs across BC.

The following is a full list of award winners:

1. TOP BC TEAM FOR SPRING 2009: 'INVEST JA' STOCK MARKET SIMULATION

Sponsor: HSBC Bank Canada

Team "Cheese Soup", *University Transition Program, Vancouver*
Joshua Kuo, Dan Zainescu, Jieqing Xu

2. JA TITAN BUSINESS CHALLENGE Overall Champions, Spring Challenge

Sponsor: Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC

'Emission', *Sir Winston Churchill Secondary, Vancouver*
Jack Liu, Rogy Yu

3. JA SCHOLARSHIP FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES

Sponsor: Peter Thomson Centre for Venture Development

Recipient to attend BCIT's "Starting Your Own Business" program.
Michael Hutchinson, *Handsworth Secondary, North Vancouver*

4. KATHY BARNETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsor: Women's Enterprise Centre

Stephanie Shum, *Sir Winston Churchill Secondary, Vancouver*

5. LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Sponsor: Junior Achievement of British Columbia

Leadership Certificate

Sharon Pereira, *Windsor Secondary, North Vancouver*

Award For Excellence & Leadership

Wendy Ming, *University Hill Secondary, Vancouver*

6. SALES LEADER OF THE YEAR

Kevin Qu, *Britannia Secondary, Vancouver*

Kara Shelley, *Spectrum Community School, Victoria*

7. AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SALES & MARKETING STRATEGY

'Heart and Home Mexico 2009'

Spectrum Community School, Victoria

8. CERTIFICATE FOR OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL REPORTING

'XY' After-School Company Program, staffed by students from Vancouver

9. CIBC Student Venture Award for Creativity

'U.G.I.', *University Hill Secondary, Vancouver*

Royals Gear', *Handsworth Secondary, North Vancouver*

10. CIBC Student Venture Award for Team Spirit and Cooperation

'Phoenix Express', Port Moody Secondary

11. CIBC Student Venture Award for Community Engagement

'Centropolis', Centennial Secondary, Coquitlam

'Semi Event Organizers', Semiahmoo Secondary, South Surrey

12. CIBC Student Venture of the Year Award

'GG Go Green', After-School Company ,staffed by students from Burnaby, Vancouver, Surrey and New Westminster

13. Award for Outstanding Shareholders' Report

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14. CIBC Student Venture Award for Environmental Stewardship

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PHOTO: Phil Lehn, Vice President, Commercial Banking for CIBC (Front, Right), presented student company **GG Go Green** with the CIBC Student Venture of the year award. Students were from Byrne Creek Secondary and Killarney Secondary. Students from North Surrey Secondary, and New Westminster Secondary were absent.

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