Q&A

ANTHONY GRAHAM, CHARTER FOR BUSINESS CHAIR, ON HIS FORMATIVE YEARS AND WHY HE SUPPORTS THE DUKE OF ED

What role does the corporate community play in engaging Canadian youth?

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Vice Chairman and Vice President of Investments Real Estate Properties Real Estate Investment Trust

What role does the Duke of Ed play in the life of the young person?

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The Duke of Ed Gold Award alumni, spoke to the Achievers, remarking, “I hope you see the work of this Award not as a destination but as a milestone in a lifelong journey.”

Gold Award recipient Billy Hukum was passionate about the effect of the Award on his individual Achiever.

This award means so much because it has taught me valuable lessons, connected me to other individuals in a way that’s hard to express, he said.

The Duke of Ed would not survive without the support of dedicated Award Leaders, Volunteers, Alumni, donors, and staff.

For more than 50 years, the Duke of Ed in Canada has been supporting Canadian youth, as they grow as individuals ready to be community leaders.

The Award recognizes how individuals designing their blueprint in the ever-expanding globalized world keeps changing!

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Our impact

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