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**Margie Singleton, CEO of Vaughan Public Libraries, Named the 2023 Dalhousie Outstanding Alumni Award Recipient**

**VAUGHAN, ONTARIO** – Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) is delighted to announce that Margie Singleton has received the 2023 Outstanding Alumni Award (OAA) from Dalhousie University, Department of Information Management. Margie, currently serving as the CEO of VPL, has a remarkable career spanning decades in the field of public libraries, making her a well-deserved honoree.


Throughout Margie’s career, she has worked in various public libraries, including Kingston, Barrie, Toronto Public Library, and Clarington Public Library. In 2000, she joined VPL, marking a significant chapter in her career and becoming a steadfast advocate for local, provincial, and national public libraries.

“I am thrilled to congratulate Margie Singleton, CEO of VPL, for the Dalhousie Outstanding Alumni Award”, says Lisa McDonough, Deputy CEO of Customer Experience. “Margie is a strong advocate and ambassador for public libraries and VPL locally and afar. I have worked directly with Margie for an extended period and can attest to her extraordinary leadership qualities, unprecedented drive, and dedication to the library profession.”

Her leadership qualities, tireless drive, and unwavering dedication have earned her great compliment from colleagues and peers alike. Margie’s remarkable achievements include spearheading an ambitious growth plan for VPL establishing seven new facilities with more on the horizon. Her commitment to mentoring and nurturing talent within the library profession has empowered countless individuals at all levels to pursue new experiences and advance their careers. Margie’s recognition with the 2023 Outstanding Alumni Award underscores her significant contributions to the library profession, earning her widespread support from colleagues, staff, and the community.

“With great pleasure, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Margie Singleton for her Dalhousie Outstanding Alumni Award nomination,” says Mayor Steven Del Duca, City of Vaughan. “Margie’s exceptional leadership, steadfast dedication to mentoring, and significant contributions to the library profession undeniably qualify her as a deserving candidate. Her profound impact within our community and beyond perfectly aligns with the qualities this prestigious award aims to honour.”

“Congratulations to Margie Singleton on her well-deserved nomination for the Dalhousie Outstanding Alumni Award,” says Gary Sangha, Vaughan Public Library Board Chair. “Margie’s exceptional leadership, unwavering commitment to mentoring, and remarkable contributions to the library make her a deserving candidate. Her undeniable impact embodies the qualities this award seeks to recognize. I am immensely proud of Margie!”



“I am deeply honoured to receive the 2023 Outstanding Alumni Award from Department of Information Management at Dalhousie University,” says Margie Singleton, CEO of VPL. “Throughout my career, I’ve been fortunate to work with dedicated colleagues and communities across various public libraries, and this recognition highlights the collective effort in advancing our shared mission. Spearheading VPL’s growth and nurturing talent within the library profession has been particularly rewarding. I’m grateful for the support of my colleagues, staff, and the community I’m privileged to serve.”



*Figure 1 Margie Singleton, CEO of Vaughan Public Libraries*

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### **About Dalhousie University Alumni Association (DAA)**

The Dalhousie Alumni Association (DAA) Board proudly represents 150,000+ Dalhousie alumni located around the world. A dynamic, professional, volunteer team working with the Dal Alumni Engagement team, the DAA builds relationships and connections between alumni and their alma mater for a stronger Dalhousie. This volunteer role is an opportunity to represent your peers and make meaningful contributions.

### **About Vaughan Public Libraries**

Vaughan Public Libraries is a leading community-centred library system dedicated to educate, excite and empower the community. With over three million visitors annually and 500,000 resources, advanced technology, and diverse programming, we offer lifelong learning opportunities. Our firm commitment to excellence, diversity, equity, and inclusion fosters a welcoming environment where all can thrive.

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