



**Acknowledgement of an English Language Arts Educator in Quebec
who has shown leadership in the profession**

THE JOHN GAW AWARD

John Gaw was the first Coordinator of English Language Arts in the province of Quebec. He established the two consultative committees, one at the elementary and one at the secondary level, to provide guidance to the Coordinator of English Language Arts. In 1974, John instituted the Springboards Conference to give teachers an opportunity to share with other teachers.

John's work was informed by a fundamental principle – that practitioners have to be heard. He believed that teachers must provide the majority voice, on behalf of themselves and their students, in the development of ministry programs and guides.

While John Gaw was Coordinator of English Language Arts, there were many “hot and heavy” debates among teachers about what constitutes best practice. However, John valued and respected diverse perspectives, and always offered safe spaces for exchange and challenge. All the English Language Arts teachers who worked with John can describe how these collegial encounters whether developing programs, organizing Springboards, or designing presentations, contributed to their personal and professional development as teachers and as human beings and to the development of English Language Arts in the province. John Gaw set a tone that continues in the field today.

The John Gaw Award was established in 1988 to recognize an individual who has demonstrated leadership qualities in the field of English Language Arts. At the time, John himself developed the criteria; hence it is not surprising that they emphasize leadership and require that the recipient be selected from among those nominated by their colleagues.



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PURPOSE

The John Gaw Award is presented by ATEQ at the annual Springboards Conference to an outstanding English Language Arts Educator in the province of Quebec.

CRITERIA

The recipient must have the following leadership qualities:

- A leadership which has shown collaboration and collegiality
- A leadership which has required planning, organization and perseverance
- A leadership which has shown openness, perception, flexibility and honesty

NOMINATION FORM

Please provide the following information and attach a 200 word description explaining your reasons for making this nomination.

Name of Nominee: _____

Position: _____ School Board: _____

Home Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

The names of two other people who support your nomination:

Name: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Name: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Work: _____

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Please return this form to:

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All nomination forms must be postmarked on or before March 1st.