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JOB SKILLS RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE WITH ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARDS

Know what it takes to be successful in small business? At Job Skills, three new entrepreneurs sure do.

As part of National Small Business Week (October 15-21, 2006), the Agency hosted a networking event and awarded regional awards to three successful Self-Employment Benefits (SEB) Program participants/business owners from each of the areas where Job Skills offers the Program. The winners were: from Toronto, Jonathan Nyquist, Operations Director of *NYQUEST Training Placement*; from Dufferin, Halton, Peel, Amjad “Shaan” Ali, Owner of *Desi Media Group Inc.*; and from York Region/Bradford West Gwillimbury, Sam Feil, President of *Scratch Wizard*.



Jonathan Nyquist, Operations Director,
Nyquest Training Placement; winner of the
2006 Job Skills' Regional Entrepreneurial
Awards–Toronto

The dream of owning his own business goes back to the first year of university for Jonathan Nyquist of Toronto. However, when he made the decision to launch an international staffing company for young adults interested in working as outdoor educators, camp counselors and experiential facilitators, he found himself “...at the bottom of an intimidating mountain.”

Jonathan credits the SEB Program and Job Skills “as two of the most important support systems that helped me take my first steps up this mountain. The staff at Job Skills turned my passions and instincts into concrete plans.” *NYQUEST*

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