

Thank you

Hi everyone... first, I want to thank everyone for being here and taking part in the OIVAC. I hope you are enjoying the convention... it's always got some really great topics, booths, speakers and this yearly IVAD event.

Now, on to this wonderful award...

I am truly honoured and humbled to be the recipient of the Thomas Leonard International Virtual Assistant of Distinction award. It is a milestone in my career that I will never forget. I am blessed to walk in the path of the other VAs before me that have won this award and hope I am inspirational to those in the future who will one day also be recognized for their contribution to the VA industry.

I have always been the type of person to help out others... it just comes second nature to me probably because it makes me feel so good. Writing books and ebooks; mentoring up-and-coming VAs; volunteering with various events and organizations geared to VAs (including the OIVAC) and being a co-founder of the Canadian Virtual Assistant Connection are just some of the things I do to help others build their own VA practices. New VAs are my inspiration to always offer some form of support and hearing when one of those VAs is successful because of advice and support I have given them, that is the greatest feeling of all!

However, I couldn't do some of the things I do for the industry without the partnership and support of a lot of people. I want to thank each one of them for all their efforts to make this industry one of the fastest growing industries in the world. There is no way I could do this all on my own and I share this award with all of those who are committed to helping others in one of the most non-competitive and supportive industries I have ever encountered.

Every VA I have worked alongside over the years has my absolute gratitude for your involvement in my endeavours and being a part of my life.

Thank you to Elayne, my partner in CVAC and co-author of our book. Your success and dedication to this industry are a true inspiration.

To the members of our CVAC steering committee and our volunteers, Thank you! ... we can't do it without you and hope you know how invaluable you are to us!

To my sub-contractors... I can't imagine not having you on my team and making me look good 😊

To my best bud, mentor and awesome friend, Kathy... you rock! Thank you for all your support through the many phases of both of our businesses (and our lives).

Thank you to every VA who has ever said "thank you" to me!

And thank you to whomever nominated me and the OIVAC committee for bestowing this great honour on me. I will cherish this forever and hope I continue to live up to the expectations you all have of me and my passion for the success of the industry and every VA who is a part of it.

Thanks again! And Continued success to everyone!