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Entrepreneur of the Year Award at the SDE Gala 2026

« I am honored to receive this award, which highlights the fruits of my entrepreneurial work as well as the tangible impact of my services in the field of education. I thank the SDE Foundation for this distinction, as well as my family members and friends who supported my nomination. » Patrick Mayard.

On February 28, the prestigious *Gala Succès des Entrepreneurs* (SDE) was held, a masterful event that brought together over 500 participants, including dignitaries, leaders, entrepreneurs, partners, and key players actively contributing to the economic and social dynamism of the province.

On this occasion, Mr. Mayard, President and Founder of the LMS Centre, was awarded the **2025 Entrepreneur of the Year Award**; a distinction that highlights his visionary leadership, his remarkable contribution to pedagogical innovation, and the excellence of his services within the educational ecosystem.

Below is an overview of Mr. Mayard’s significant achievements for the year 2025 and previous years, testifying to his constant commitment to excellence, community impact, and the sustainable transformation of the education sector.



- **A Career Dedicated to Education:** Following a decorated and brilliant career in education, Mr. Mayard became a versatile entrepreneur who put his experience and expertise at the service of the school community.
- **Foundation of the LMS Centre:** In 2009, he founded the *Light of Mathematics and Science Center*, a strategic initiative aimed at raising student success rates in mathematics and science, both in Quebec and across Canada.
- **Strategic Collaborations:** A synergy of collaboration with educational partners—including the McGill University Science Office and the Concordia University Faculty of Engineering—has allowed him to offer several educational services that have optimized the success of more than 5,000 students.
- **National Leadership:** Recognized for his vision and leadership, Mr. Mayard was elected in 2018 as a Physics Advisor by the Canadian Association of Physicists to represent secondary and college teachers at the national level.
- **The LMS Foundation:** In 2018, he established the LMS Foundation, whose mission focuses on two pillars: encouraging student perseverance and promoting success in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics).
- **Philanthropy and Community Impact:** The LMS Foundation has already provided several scholarships and school supplies to over a dozen young people. It has also presented a series of free workshops on school perseverance and Black History, shining a light on ingenious inventions and achievements.
- **International Influence:** Every year, under Mr. Mayard's leadership, the LMS Foundation organizes a major international conference broadcast across Canada, as well as in Haiti and Senegal, aimed at helping and inspiring youth to excel in their fields.
- **Author and Pioneer:** An entrepreneur, advisor, philanthropist, and author, Mr. Mayard has nine educational books to his credit, including the first STEM Workbook in Canada focused on robotics and artificial intelligence. In 2025, he published the first English edition of his work and simultaneously organized the first Engineering, Robotics, and Coding Camp in Quebec and Canada for youth.

Mr. Mayard's numerous achievements characterize him as a trusted leader, a pioneer, and a recognized expert in his field. He has been sought after by various media outlets, including the scientific magazine *Spectre*, various radio stations, and television channels such as *Global News Montreal*.

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