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## **Surety Association of Canada Recognizes the 2021 Graduating Class of the Associateship of Canadian Surety Bonding Designation Program**

*October 20, 2021 – Mississauga, ON* – The Surety Association of Canada (SAC) held its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting virtually on September 23, 2021. During the virtual event, the association recognized the 2021 Graduating Class of the Associateship of Canadian Surety Bonding (A.C.S.B.) Designation Program as follows:

- Allison Anden, PLATFORM
- Curtis Anderson, Travelers Insurance Company of Canada
- Licelotte Carvajal Jimenez, Travelers Insurance Company of Canada
- Yasser Chtaini, AVIVA Insurance Company of Canada
- John Genilla, Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company
- James Haggart, Liberty Mutual Canada
- Emie Hoang, Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company
- Gregory Lloyd, Intact Insurance
- Nicole Lyoness, Gallagher
- Gurpreet Mahil, Ferrari & Associates
- Jean-Michel Menard, MP2B Assurance
- Shelly Mont, The Sovereign General Insurance Company
- Thomas-John Musselman, Travelers Insurance Company of Canada
- Lillian Nieznalski, Liberty Mutual Canada
- Torsten Palmer, Intact Insurance - Surety
- Frankie Porco, Trisura Guarantee Insurance Company
- Khurram Rehman, Echelon Insurance
- Tianna Shahmooradian, Chubb Insurance Company of Canada
- Rochelle Tsai, Travelers Insurance Company of Canada
- Enid Tuli, Travelers Insurance Company of Canada

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2021 Graduating Class of the Associateship of Canadian Surety Bonding (A.C.S.B.) Designation Program

2021 Diplômés du Programme de désignation de l'industrie canadienne des cautionnements (A.C.S.B.)

*(Photo caption: Top left to right, as per list.)*

Steven D. Ness, President of the Surety Association of Canada, stated: “While we would have much preferred to have presented graduates with their certificates in person, on behalf of SAC’s Board of Directors and Staff, we congratulate this year’s graduates on achieving their designation as Associate of Canadian Surety Bonding”.

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The A.C.S.B. Designation Program aims to provide students with a theoretical and practical understanding of suretyship through a comprehensive review of surety bonds and related process and is intended for those who plan on embarking on a career in the surety industry. The program commenced in September 1998 and is currently offered in partnership with McMaster University Continuing Education.

Students who are enrolled in the A.C.S.B. Designation Program are required to complete four (4) core courses which include Principles of Suretyship, Contract Surety, Construction & Surety Law, and Introductory Financial Accounting, as well as two (2) elective courses covering a wide range of business skills. All courses are offered through a distance/online learning platform.

Registration is now open for the Winter 2022 term which can be done through the McMaster University Continuing Education website here: <https://mcmastercce.ca/surety-bonding>. Note that students are required to submit a program application to SAC prior to registering for courses. More information about the A.C.S.B. Designation Program, including the program application form, can be found on the SAC website here: [https://www.suretycanada.com/SAC/Resources/A.C.S.B.\\_Designation/SAC/Resources/ACSB-Designation.aspx](https://www.suretycanada.com/SAC/Resources/A.C.S.B._Designation/SAC/Resources/ACSB-Designation.aspx).

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## **About the Surety Association of Canada:**

The Surety Association of Canada (SAC) is the national trade advocacy association that represents the interests of the surety industry across Canada. Its members consist of primary surety firms, surety reinsurers, surety/insurance brokers, and other organizations that provide related and complementary services to the surety industry.

While the majority of the surety industry's premium revenue is derived from construction contract bonds, SAC also represents the interests of those organizations that focus on non-contract or commercial surety. SAC does not represent or advocate on behalf of the fidelity bond industry.

Since its formation in 1992, SAC has become a trusted resource for construction purchasers, design professionals, contractors, suppliers and other stakeholders in construction and business communities. SAC has developed its own bond forms in response to industry need and in consultation with the construction industry.

SAC and its members regularly meet with owners, contractors, other associations and related organizations to educate them about surety bonds and the suretyship process. SAC also monitors legislation across the country that will impact its members and works diligently to advance the surety cause with lawmakers and government officials.