

Herbie Ho Ping Kong awarded Ontario's highest honour

January 01, 2024, the Hon. Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Chancellor of the Order of Ontario announced 25 new appointments to the Order of Ontario for 2023. Among these outstanding recipients is our very own Herbert Ho Ping Kong (STGC Class of 1957).

His citation reads in part, "Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong is a pioneer in medical education. His book, *The Art of Medicine: Healing and the Limits of Technology*, is a must-read for students around the world. He has been the go-to source of diagnostic expertise, with an uncanny ability to ferret out the underlying causes of illnesses that have mystified other experts. Known as a true "renaissance man", he walks with great humility, a calm and quiet demeanour and genuine care for everyone. The University Health Network named an educational centre – The HoPingKong Centre for Excellence in Education and Practice – to honour his lifetime contributions to medical education and exemplary legacy of diagnosing diseases."

The Order of Ontario is the province's highest civilian honour, awarded to individuals who have shown the highest level of excellence and achievement and "whose impact has left a legacy" in the province of Ontario, the country, Canada, and around the world.



Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong O. Ont.

Two other Jamaican Canadians were awarded 2023 Order of Ontario: Gervan Fearon, President of George Brown College and Dwayne Morgan, poet and spoken word artiste.

STGC OBA Ontario published an interview with Herbie Ho Ping Kong in *Good & True*, Spring 2014, on the occasion of the publication of his book, *The Art of Medicine: Healing and the Limits of Technology*. Past issues of our newsletters will be available on our website to be launched soon—stgctoronto.com

"To be a doctor is to be the beneficiary of a sacred trust. Your patient entrusts you with his or her most valuable possession - life itself." (HPK)