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*As a business women and philanthropist, Rima Aristocrat has been an invited guest speaker at many local, national and international conferences. She has 4 daughters, 4 grandchildren and has been leading in education field for more then 20 years.*

Rima Aristocrat is President and CEO of Willis College of Business & Technology International, a 108-year old Canadian corporation committed to capacity building and bridging the knowledge gap in the ever-evolving fields of Business, Information Technology and Clear Energy Technology. She is also founder and president of TeKnoWave Inc. – Canada's First National Aboriginal IT Training Initiative. She is the only Canadian represented on Microsoft's Education Advisory Council. She has established the first articulation degree credit transfer process between the Canadian public and private education sectors. She has initiated the first Canadian Academic Development Institute (CADl), implemented the first inter-provincial partnership between a university and a private college and launched the Canadian Aboriginal IT training initiative, TeKnoWave. Her establishment of TeKnoWave to build critical Aboriginal IT Capacity has been acknowledged and endorsed as one of the most innovative solutions by Canada's Aboriginal leaders. She has received numerous awards for her contribution to education, including: recognition in the Chatelaine's special edition "Who's Who of Canadian Women" - last 10 years of 20th century, named as one of Ottawa's 100 most influential leaders, being selected as a finalist for the 2001 Business Person of the Year Award by the Greater Ottawa Chamber of Commerce, and being selected as a finalist for the 2001 Businesswoman's Achievement Award by the Women's Business Network.

**Affiliations:** The Canadian Association of Immigrant Professionals (Founder 1975-88); Business & Professional Women's Group (Exec. Dir., 1989-92); International Student Exchange - USSR/Georgia/Canada (Exec Dir., 1992-93); K2000 Initiative (Chair 1997 to date); Microsoft Education Advisory Council U.S. (Canadian Representative of MS Education 1997-2000); Canadian LawTech+ Initiative (Exclusive Training Partner, 1998-99); Canadian Academic Development Institute (Founder 1999- to date); KRC Knowledge Resources Canada Inc. (Co founder); UNEVOC Canada (Member, National Advisory Council 2001 to date); Women Executive Network (Member 2001); Trade Team Canada Service Industries - Hungary - East Europe Trade Group Private Sector (Member, National Advisory Council 2001 – to date); Technology Sciences Institute (Director, 2001 to date), Willis Solutions (Director, 2001 to date), Rogue Data Corporation (Member 2001 to date), Information Systems Security Association ISSA Ottawa Chapter (Communications Executive Chairperson, 2002 to date), GPEKS Constructions Inc. (Member, 2003 to date); TeKnoWave Inc., (Founder and President, 2003 to date).

**Honours:** Line of Judith, Business & Professional Women's Group, 1992; Ottawa Centre Canadian Leadership Award, 1993; Finalist, Corporation of the Year, Ottawa-Carleton Board of Trade, 1994; Ottawa Mayor's Proclamation "Willis Business College Day" in Ottawa, 1996; Listee in The Chatelaine's 1999 Who's Who of Canadian Women, Millennium Edition; Honoured by Member of Parliament Ottawa Centre in House of Commons, 1999; Consumers Choice Award for Business Excellence in IT Training, 1999-2002; Listee in the Canadian Who's Who 2000; Finalist in the Ottawa Life Magazine's The Capital City's Top 100, 2001; Featured in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin, 2001; Honoured in the International Who's Who in the 21st Century, 1st Edition; Recipient of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Medal, Finalist Business Person of the Year, 2001 The Greater Ottawa Chamber of Commerce Achievement Awards; Finalist for the 2001 Businesswoman's Achievement Award by Women's Business Network.

**Publications/Articles:** Aristocrat R., (1995) Adult Learner Back in Classroom. Ottawa. Aristocrat R., Wilson K., (2000) Building a Canadian e-Learning Model, a private training perspective.

**Personal Philosophy:** " We as human beings are merely travelers between birth and death, marks we choose to leave along the journey, are up to us." Aristocrat Rima (1991)