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First class Coach...Career-Life Coach Dawn Quesnel named finalist for International Coach Federation of New England's "Coach of the Year" honors.

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It's only June and already been quite a year for Career-Life Coach Dawn Quesnel. In March, "Coach DQ" penned a chapter on her BRIDGE job search methodology that appeared in SelfGrowth.com Founder David Riklan's new book, "101 Great Ways to Enhance Your Career". In April, she and her husband became the legal parents of a two-year-old girl. In May, DQ and "The BRIDGE Method" were featured on a local ABC television news affiliate. Her latest achievement came recently when Quesnel was named a finalist for the International Coach Federation of New England's Leonard 2011 Coach of the Year Awards.

The first-ever Leonard Awards give members of the New England Chapter of the International Coach Foundation (ICFNE) the opportunity to recognize their peers in four different coaching categories: Business Coaching, Career Coaching, Life Coaching and Executive Coaching. Coach DQ is a finalist in the Career Coaching category.

All ICFNE coaches are eligible to be nominated. ICFNE encourages its members to nominate coaches based on "demonstrated mastery with their coaching through various outlets including their clients, workshops, and service to their colleagues and the community." Winners will be announced at the ICFNE's inaugural 2011 Gratitude Gala, to be held at Bentley University on June 13.

"It may sound like a cliché, but it really is an honor to be nominated because it does come from my peers in the coaching community," said Quesnel. "Besides recognition of my work with clients, this nomination also recognizes my efforts to advocate the profession of coaching. I've always been passionate about promoting the coaching industry and, specifically, certified coaches."

Since 2005, Coach DQ has hosted coaching-themed radio programs at a variety of stations in the greater Boston and Providence area. In addition to talking about her own specialty, career coaching, the shows spotlighted other coaches with a wide range of specialties ranging from career-life, relationships, executive coaching and more. Quesnel currently hosts a program called "BrainTalk", which airs on the first Wednesday of each month at 12 noon EST on <http://www.BlogTalkRadio.com/Coach-DQ>.

"From the time I finished coaching certification, it's been an education process with the public on the difference between a certified and non-certified coach," said Quesnel. "It's wonderful to see how our profession has grown and become accepted in mainstream

America. Now, coaches like Cheryl Richardson are known nationally and appear on shows like Oprah.”

Richardson, the first president of the national ICF, will be inducted into the organization’s Hall of Fame at the 2011 Gratitude Gala on June 13. Coaches Wendy Capland and Chrissy Carew will also receive Hall of Fame honors at the Gala.

For more information on the ICFNE and the 2011 Gratitude Gala, which is open to the general public, please visit www.icfne.org.

For more information about the BRIDGE Method or to set up a complimentary consultation with Coach DQ, please contact (508) 520-9933 or visit www.coachdq.com.

About Coach DQ

Coach Dawn Quesnel is a professionally certified coach and an accredited member of the International Coach Federation. When she is not coaching clients Coach DQ is co-producing her monthly radio show, “BrainTalk”, on the first Wednesday of each month at 12pm EST (www.blogtalkradio.com/coach-dq). Dawn has produced and hosted more than 175 radio shows, and has conducted more than 4,000 interviews (casting, recruiting and radio combined). She is a frequent emcee for educational career days and has been interviewed on ABC-TV, FOX-TV, WGBH-TV, NYC Neighborhood TV Network, Disney Radio and Blog-Talk Radio. For more information, please visit <http://www.coachdq.com>.