



4th Annual Leadership Awards

The HEC MBA Program recently hosted its fourth annual Leadership Awards Ceremony. This event represents the culmination of the year-long Visions of Leadership seminar cycle that exposes HEC MBA participants to high-profile leaders in a variety of fields, from business, to politics, to strategic defense. By successfully integrating leadership training into its curriculum and related activities, the HEC MBA program fulfills its mission to transform today's high-potential managers into the leaders of tomorrow.

Pascal Cagni, General Manager and Vice President for Europe, Middle-East, and Africa at Apple, opened the Leadership Awards Ceremony with a dedicated Visions of Leadership conference for HEC MBA participants. Following the conference, **Georgia Garinois-Melenikiotou**, President of Beauty (Europe/Middle East/Africa) at Johnson & Johnson Consumer, **Pascal Cagni**, **Valérie Gauthier**, Associate Dean of the HEC MBA Program, and **Bernard Ramanantsoa**, Dean of HEC Paris, presented leadership awards to HEC MBA participants who have demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout the 16-month HEC MBA Program.

This year's Leadership Award recipients, **Agnès Hiere**, **Bertrand Jaud**, **Gajender Sharma**, and **Patricia De-La-Garza-Revilla**, members of the HEC MBA class of 2008, have confirmed their exceptional leadership capacity and potential through their academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. As Valérie Gauthier asserts: "To become a leader, you must develop self-awareness and learn to reflect on leadership; our participants establish themselves as leaders in the HEC MBA community and enhance their strong potential to take on leadership roles in international business."

The HEC MBA Program takes an Analytical, Critical, and Experiential approach to leadership training that is guided by two principles: first, leadership is an Act, and second, in order to be a leader, you need relational know-how, or "savoir-relier."TM The multicultural learning environment of the HEC MBA provides the ideal setting for this process of development and fosters leadership on an individual, interpersonal, and collective level.

All HEC MBA participants are required to take part in the pioneering Visions of Leadership (VoL) initiative, a cycle of conferences that brings CEOs, entrepreneurs, and leadership experts to the HEC campus to share their experiences in dedicated courses, through research projects, and during the Visions of Leadership Week. This experiential approach exposes participants to contemporary leadership issues and offers first-hand insight into the attitudes and experience of modern leaders.

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