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YOUTH SUBMISSION:

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Since the community wants to support the youth in adopting roles as leaders, volunteers and other productive members, the community comes together to offer youth recognition for achievement, offer grants and scholarships to encourage the youth more and other programs to appreciate youth. The government, charity and private institutions can offer such support.

For this criterion, the following organizations/institutions were selected and information was gathered on:

Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)

YMCA provides volunteer opportunities for youth who want to make a difference in their community. Volunteers have a wide range of programs to select from. They can volunteer to support children and youth programs or can volunteer to support adult sports and recreation programs. YMCA recognizes the valuable contributions made by all the volunteers and provides them with reference letters and a certificate of appreciation. Sport leadership certification program also prepares youth to become future volunteers and it recognizes their commitment via certification.

Peel youth village, a branch of YMCA, gives many opportunities for youth to volunteer in the community. In addition to personal satisfaction, volunteers also get a chance to organize events such as basketball tournaments. Such responsibilities help build the youths' communication and organizational skills. It also gives them a chance to become a leader in the community. The youth involved with the Peel Youth Village are constantly engaged with their community. This helps develop self-confidence and give them a sense of independence. At the same time, they learn to trust one another, learn to work in teams and feel a sense of accomplishment.

Living Arts Centre of Mississauga

The Living Arts Centre, located very conveniently in the Square One mall vicinity (teenagers do like to hang around malls), offers a variety of courses that have been carefully planned to help youth enhance their arts and crafts talents. Programs range from fashion to drama to music to painting amongst various others. These programs do of course have a fee, but, this fee is set with the intention of making it affordable. High

quality materials are provided and small class sizes are organized to make the learning experience for youth more of a one on one type. Such experiences and coaching helps youth determine what they would want to pursue as a career and skills get developed from an early age means there is only room for more improvement.

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC)

Founded in 1982 by Mayor Hazel McCallion, MYAC is dedicated to offer the youth of Mississauga a dynamic community to live in and help youth prosper by involving them in the community to help bring the change it needs.

MYAC is an organization that involves youth in Mississauga from the ages 14-24. Due to the nature of the organization, membership fluctuates each month. However, the average membership for the 2011-2012 term so far, is approximately 175 members. There is no fee that MYAC members have to pay in order to join. A Finance Team sub committee, which members can apply to be a part of, is responsible for getting sponsors, so that MYAC can run its yearly youth events and campaigns. This Financial Team is educated with experience on how to manage their financial issues that will relate to their lives in the future.

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, MYAC, is run by an annually elected Board of Directors. This consists of regular youth members of MYAC that must meet certain election requirements, as well as go through an election process in order to be selected. This process of selection of the board of directors teaches the youth confidence, responsibility, friendly competition, reaching their potential and the sense of achievement.

MYAC has General Meetings held once every month, in order to increase membership, discuss issues that face youth, promote networking amongst the youth of Mississauga, as well as get the word out about various volunteer opportunities. However, there are also the Student Ambassadors, Youth Task Force, Finance, and Youth Week sub-committees. These sub-committees find sponsors, plan events, and coordinate youth awareness campaigns that run throughout Mississauga.

MYAC general meetings take place on the second Wednesday of every month. Sub-committees and the Board of Directors meet more frequently, however. These meetings take place in the Noel Ryan Auditorium in the Central Library, or inside City Hall, depending on the expected attendance for the meeting. This initiative is taking place so that youth in Mississauga have a voice and are heard. MYAC provides the youth in the city with an opportunity to discuss issues that affect them, find out about various volunteer opportunities in the city, and network with other people their age. Based on the opinions that are voiced during the general meetings, sub-committees conduct various events and campaigns.

I-Slam Basketball League

I-Slam is an organization created by members of the community to get the whole community, especially the youth, involved in sports activities. Sports in turn help build teamwork skills, help give youth a sense of accomplishment, and help keep youth focused on healthy lifestyles. There are essentially two aspects of i-slam: a youth program and an adult program. Youth involved are from the age range of 8 to 14yrs old. The adults are usually in their 20's but the range is from 18 to 40. There are 15 youths that are currently participating weekly this season. Fee per term is \$1800. The fees go towards running the league, and paying expenses such as facility rental, referees, jerseys/T-shirts/awards/medals, scorekeepers, media, refreshments. Being a non profit organization, any leftover revenues are donated to charities. The league is open for men. There is no discrimination as to who can play, in terms of culture, race etc. The only rule is that half the team has to be Muslim. The other half can be anyone. The league games take place in Mississauga at Philip Pocock Secondary school on Sundays at 11-5.

A gap existed in the community in terms of an athletic outlet for youth to participate in, especially one that united Muslim and non-Muslim youths and young adults from varying cultural and ethnic communities. This athletic and multicultural gap was identified and addressed in 2002 through the 1st Annual I-Slam Basketball Tournament held in March at the Crescent School in Toronto.

I-Slam is committed to continue and build up on the initial progress that was made, and to expand to include continuing events. Currently, I-Slam's portfolio consists of the annual Toronto and Australia tournaments, bi-annual basketball leagues in Mississauga, and youth skill development clinics, events for girls and women, and pick-up basketball in Mississauga.

The annual tournament is specifically organized during the March break to maximize participation amongst the youth during their March break. Through its marketing efforts and word-of-mouth, I-Slam has been able to consistently draw 40 teams with approximately 400 players involved from wide ranging multicultural backgrounds. In response to the demand from both tournament participants and the community, I-Slam expanded its activities and began organizing basketball leagues in 2003. I-Slam has been designed to be a major branded athletic enterprise comprised primarily of annual events, initiated by various community organizations, that Muslim and non-Muslim youth and young adults of all communities can count on, and just as importantly look forward to, occurring each and every year.

The objective of this initiative is to fulfill a community need by fostering involvement and promoting a sense of community and good relations amongst youth and young adults of both Muslim and non Muslim backgrounds, and the surrounding community in the context of multicultural athletic events.

Using multicultural athletic events as a pathway to achieve these goals is relevant as it promotes social interaction, cultural integration, teamwork, co-operation, communication, and a sense of accomplishment amongst the participants.

Citizens for the Advancement of Community Development (CACD)

Ron Cunningham, an individual with a passion to change the world to the better, realized the best way is to focus on youth. He targets to help youth at risk. CACD has a program by the name of "The homework club" which includes high school students ranging from the age of 14 to 19 that volunteer to help the younger generation with their homework. In the CACD program chart (refer to appendix A), the targeted youth are above 14. Students are certified to finish a program that they sign up for. One of the main programs is the leadership program. (There is a paper, in the appendix, that talks about the program in details, this is usually known as life skills). The leadership program will be elaborated upon under criterion 8. Youth are certified for finishing the leadership program. Once a youth decides to come back and volunteer to help other youth, they are given another certificate that is recognized by the recreation and parks, which gives these youth the chance to boast experience in an activity that made a difference in the community for the better. Not only are youth involved academically, they are also encouraged to participate in sports activities. For example, basketball tournaments are held once a year in the community for the youth to engage the youth in healthy competition, excitement, and fun.

Safe City - Crossroad Youth Academy

Established in 2003, CYA, working with the youth from secondary schools, has prevented crime with positive results. CYA empowers the youth with knowledge to make healthy decisions to avoid hazardous activities (Ref 6-15).

CYA works with youth in schools to teach the youth how to stay safe and avoid involvement with perilous activities. It then encourages the youth to educate and inform others about crime preventions. This in turn gives the youth a feeling of positivity. The youths' work is displayed all over the community via posters.

CYA boasts of various benefits some of which includes building channels of communications between youth and the community, promote safe schools and reduce crime.

University of Toronto, Mississauga Student Union (UTMSU)

University of Toronto in Mississauga Student Union, UTMSU, with coalition with the office of registrar, offers students a recognition award. These awards are scholarships offered to the students that are volunteers in the university and also have a 3.0 GPA in the previous year. The GPA is included so the students have no reason to slack off on their courses and focus on the volunteer activities to receive the money. The Students are

eligible to receive up to \$2000 dollars. They are required to fill up an application that includes references for the places they participated as volunteers. The UTMSU has been very generous with the amount of money that they have been giving out University of Toronto in Mississauga Student Union (Ref 6-16)

Mississauga Arts Council (MAC)

MAC is dedicated to expose the talents of the youth of Mississauga and help other budding youth develop theirs fully. MAC also holds various events, one of which is the Mississauga Future Star. During this event, youth come forward and display their vocal talents they then get awarded with certificates and the best singer gets to record with Metalworks Institute. They also get prizes from the sponsors, for example United Way. The youth involved range between the ages of 15-25.

MY Games

My Games, a non-profit organization founded by Louroz Mercader, is concerned with the well being, health, and successful lives of youth. It provides training camps, on the weekend, for two weeks prior to the My Youth Olympics. My Youth Olympics is a two day event. First day is set for youth to get involved in sports and the second day is for the youth to express themselves via arts. The arts include, dance, painting, and music. These are implemented in friendly competitions and the winner gets a bronze, silver or gold medal. Disregarding that a youth did not come to the training camps, they are still eligible to walk in for the MY Games Olympics event. Youth achieve the feeling of happiness and success as they receive medals. They are provided with healthy lunch and snacks.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

The City of Mississauga respects, encourages and supports a large volunteer workforce. In recreation and Parks, we believe "Volunteers are a valuable part of our recreation and parks team. We invest time and resources to provide volunteers with an opportunity for an enjoyable and rewarding experience. TOGETHER we will work toward enriching our community."

Recognition- A means to celebrate

- Volunteer week is celebrated in the city. (April 10-16 for 2011) (Ref 6-12).
- Volunteer Certificate of Recognition from the Mayor- certificates may be requested to recognized youth/volunteers for their community contribution (Ref 6-11).
- Individual recognition program- Community Centre and Library specific (Ref 6-12).
- Mississauga Youth Achievement Awards- Hosted by the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, 24 awards are presented to recipients at the Youth Awards evening

held during Youth Week. Some of the Awards given out during this week include; Mississauga Young Citizens of the Year, Hazel McCallion Youth Leadership Award, Sponsored Young Volunteer Awards and the MYAC Community Citizenship Certificates (Ref 6-1).

- Mississauga Arts Council Awards- presented at the annual dinner with recognition in twelve categories. They reflected various art mediums (literary, media, performing, established and emerging performing groups, visual arts, volunteer of the year). Three youth recipients in 2007 were presented with the Emerging Performing Group Award.
- Mississauga Sports Council Awards- an annual event recognizing and celebrating athletic excellence and volunteer commitment to sport in the City of Mississauga. Awards in both individual and team categories are given out to well deserving aspiring athletes.
- Peel Board of Education- offers scholarships and awards in a variety of categories. They celebrate education week with awards of excellence and distinction (over 600 awards are given). There are many awards and scholarships for sports, arts, academic etc. (Ref 6-13)
- Community Group Awards and Scholarships- many of the community groups offer scholarships and awards to their members, they have their own awards banquets and celebrate their successes together i.e. organized sports groups, theatre, environmental groups, Boys and Girls Club of Peel Awards, YMCA, The Dam, Malton Black Development Association, Credit Valley Conversation Award Young Conservationist (s), Canadian Tamil Youth Development Centre Awards if Excellence, etc (Ref 6-2).
- Service Clubs- Mississauga has over 45 service clubs. Many either sponsor awards for the larger youth based celebrations such as Youth Achievement Awards or offer scholarships, for example Rotary Youth.
- Safe City Certificates- awarded to students who participate in safe initiatives
- Park Dedication- Plaque and Memorials are available in the community.
- Hero Awards- Awarded to those who make a difference in protecting the community in their own way. "The Bell Canada Youth Award" is giving to the youth that exemplifies heroic actions within their community (Ref 6-3).
- United Way Awards- The United Way has a number of awards given out yearly, some of these include; Biggest Bucks Award, Uniquely Yours Award, Helping Hands Award, Little Hero Award, and the Youth Spirit Award (Ref 6-4).
- Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers- Up to 10 youth (age 15-24) from around the province are recognized each year for outstanding volunteer service (Ref 6-5).
- Corporate recognition is strongly supported with many corporations recognizing youth community leadership and contributing by offering awards and scholarships. For example BMO Possibilities Youth Scholarship, Royal Bank Youth Volunteer Award, Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program, Mississauga News

Awards- Ron Lenyk Athletic Bursary, Canadian Federation of University Women Mississauga Scholarship (4 scholarships- \$8,000), Astrazeneca Scholarships, etc.

- Queen's Venturer Award- Three Mississauga teens were recognized with this award which recognizes the top Scouts in Canada (Ref 6-6)
- Youth In Motion- Recognizes 20 youth under 20 each year for outstanding achievements in leadership, innovation and environmentalism. In 2010 this award was received by David Castelino, a Mississauga youth who invented a special solar tile (Ref 6-7).
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award- Currently runs in 126 countries around the world for youth age 15-25. This award challenges youth to actively participate in their community by challenging them to reach goals in the following four categories; Community Service, Personal Skill Development, Adventurous Journey and Physical Education. In 2010 two Mississauga High School students received the Duke of Edinburgh's silver award of achievement.
- Jim Wilde Young Volunteer of the Year Award- Presented annually to two young people who work and/or volunteer in the library (Ref 6-9).
- Peel Police Award Scholarships- Awarded to four students per year in the peel region that show a positive attitude, enthusiasm, persistence and a high level of integrity (Ref 6-10).
- Drew Hildebrand Teen Benefit Fund- \$4,000 scholarships awarded to teens to recognize and reward positive changes (Ref 6-14).
- ISNA Canada- Islamic Development Bank Scholarship Program awards a \$7000 scholarship to students who are academically strong but financially weak students who are enrolled in a Canadian University (Ref 6-17).
- The Mississauga News/Booster- Mississauga News paper recognize youth on a regular basis for great achievements, from art, music, sports, volunteer experiences etc (Ref 6-18).



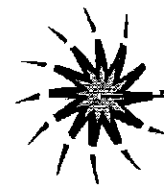
Youth Friendly Application Information Gathering
Agency Survey Responses
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Agency Name	Describe any youth awards, special recognition or scholarship programs your organization has awarded, received or is aware of in Mississauga.
Mississauga Credit Valley Lions Club	Our Lions Club does award scholarship money to several schools at commencement.
Credit Valley Conservation / Conservation Youth Corps	each year we award a small number of participants with a "Leadership" award for their outstanding contributions, enthusiasm and commitment.
Safe City Mississauga	Crossroads Youth Academy - Winner of the 2005 International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners - Best Community Crime Prevention Program - Category 1. Bell Junior Hero Award - Awarded to a Youth who has shown a commitment to Crime Prevention within their community. This began last year at the 2010 Crime Prevention Conference (Safe City Mississauga), and was awarded to Mississauga's Michel Guide. Committee of Youth Officers for the Province of Ontario - Community Award for Youth Service - 2011 - Awarded to Ashley Lyons Programs Manager, Safe City Mississauga in recognition of her outstanding commitment to youth in her community.
Peel Children and Youth Initiative	PCYI is currently establishing a scholarship program that awards bursaries to youth involved in youth engagement.
Youth Ministry - Mississauga City Baptist Church	none
Cross of Life Lutheran Church	None
Camilla Road Sr. P.S.	Metro gave us \$1000 last year towards a learning garden that we developed as part of our Eco focus-adult initiated application
Churchill Meadows Christian Church	I don't think there hasn't been any awards yet as we have only started looking towards youth groups and youth involvement recently.
MiWay the new Mississauga Transit/ City of Mississauga	MiWay Student Ambassador
Nexus Youth Services	We supported one youth obtaining a scholarship from his college (Sheridan) last year.
Mississauga Business Enterprise Centre	Business related programs we also have in Mississauga the CYBF program that is run by the New Comer Centre of Peel.
The Detour Youth Drop-In Center	
Citizens For The Advancement Of Community Development	We award certificates for youth who have completed our specific programs. We also awarded certificates to specific volunteers including sponsors. We have received awards from safe city's hero award longstanding service from the volunteer service award from the ontario government. we have recieved certificates for volunteers from the ontario legislature.
St. Teresa of Avita Elementary School	
City Centre Baptist Church	We have a graduation celebration in June of each year where we distribute in house fun awards for our students.
Newcomer Information Centre. Youth	
United Way of Peel Region	United Way of Peel Region's Youth Spirit Awards honour the inspiration and passion evident in the very best youth-led campaigns and fundraising events. http://www.unitedwaypeel.org/pics/2011/youth/youth-secondaryolder.pdf
St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church	N/A
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel	Our Agency recognizes a number of youth through our Annual Volunteer and Donor Recognition event. We honour Big/Little Sister and Big/Little Brother of the Year and Youth of the Year, all of whom become spokepeople for our Agency at events and in the media in the coming year. We also award a \$500 Bursary to a post-secondary "Little" with the support of the Brampton Kiwanis. Each year our Agency nominates 3-5 Grade 10 "Littles" for the CIBC Youthvision scholarship through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada. We also send youth each year to the Kiwanis Key Leader Conference.
Art of Living - Youth Empowerment Seminar (YES!)	N/A
Volunteer MBC	-Deputation at Council to acknowledge the Meadowvale Mural project we completed -

Nahani Way Public School	We received the Kiss and Ride Award in 2010.
Arl of Living Foundation	we have received the Mayor of Mississauga award for our community projects such as tree planting and park maintenance etc.
Canadian Martyrs Catholic School	CWL, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Trustees etc.
Peel Regional Police	The Elmer Awards are held annually to recognize youth within our region who display outstanding citizenship and/or bravery. Any young person may be nominated by their teacher, parent or other community member. The awards are presented annually at the Peel Children's Safety Village. Children from the City of Mississauga are also eligible for the Safety Patrol Awards sponsored by the Canadian Automobile Association. (CAA) Peel Regional Police serves on the Committee of Youth Officers. Each year the committee recognizes the work and contributions of a young person who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to his or her peers by advocating for and taking action on youth issues in the community. The nominee selected is presented with the Outstanding Youth Service Award at the committee's annual conference. Our Diversity Relations Unit coordinates a yearly Diversity Cup basketball tournament. Due to the overwhelming success and popularity of the tournament, a scholarship fund was created through donations by local businesses and community members. Each student selected has demonstrated that they have overcome personal adversity while maintaining academic excellence.
Clarkson Secondary School - Modern Batik Art Club - www.clubmodernbatik.com	We have been recognized in the Ontario House of Parliament with some of the art being selected to hang at Queen's Park. Presently an original work of Modern Batik art from Clarkson is in the Office of the Youth Advocate for the Province of Ontario. Story in the Mississauga News.
Canadian Association of Multicultural People. Our website is www.camp-on.com	We don't have the capacity to do that but we do provide support to community partners who are currently involved in doing that. We especially support groups providing skill building and recognition opportunities to youth like Muslim Scholarship fund from Peel District School board and The Youth Troopers for Global Awareness.
Region of Peel Public Health	Not aware of any...
Mississauga Arts Council	The Mississauga Arts Council honours top emerging artists annually at the MARTY Awards. Formerly known as the Mississauga Arts Awards, the event honours young and established artists with an evening of red carpet glamour and monetary awards. The MARTYS has taken place for over 17 years! As well, MAC has awarded youth over the years at our Green Youth Arts Showcase held in '09 as well as the Mississauga Official Talent Show held in November '10.
YMCA Peel Youth Village	Canada's top employer for young people in 2010 and peace by peace award
Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (project of EcoSource)	-Friends of the Credit Conservation award (From the Credit Valley Conservation)
REACHOUT COMMITTEE	Reachout keeps the Annual Blackout Scholarship Awards each year. As well we give certificates to youth who participate in many of our programs
The Works/Core at Erindale Bible Chapel	We currently do not have any.
Gateway Centre for New Canadians	Safe City Hero award 2010 Canadian Hip Hop Dance Champions



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Mississauga Youth Achievement Awards

Presented by the
Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee of Mississauga
2010 Application Form

Eligibility:

Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 24 and live and/or attend school in Mississauga. Members of the 2010 Mississauga Youth Achievement Award Judging Committee and their immediate family members are not eligible.

Categories:

Applicants will automatically be considered for each category.

- Mississauga Young Citizens of the Year (2 or 3)
 - o Presented to two or three outstanding young people who are devoted and tireless volunteers who give back to the local community. The young citizen has excellent leadership skills, may have overcome adversity, and serves as a role model to others.
- Hazel McCallion Youth Leadership Award (1)
 - o Presented to one young person who has successfully undertaken large-scale projects and initiatives, may work or volunteer in a leadership role in a community organization, and serves as a role model to others.
- Sponsored Young Volunteer Awards (up to 10)
 - o Corporations and community organizations affix their name to each award through sponsorship. Young people who show outstanding commitment to the community and who celebrate the value of volunteerism are presented with scholarships of up to \$1000.
- MYAC Community Citizenship Certificates (up to 10)
 - o Presented to a diverse group of young people who have contributed to their communities in different ways and who serve as role models to others.

Judging:

The 2010 Mississauga Youth Achievement Awards Judging Committee consists of a panel of young people between the ages of 14 and 24. Finalists will be telephoned to arrange a group interview with other candidates and members of the judging committee.

Ceremony:

Mayor Hazel McCallion and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee will present the awards at the Mississauga Youth Achievement Awards Ceremony during Youth Week 2010 in May.

Deadline:

All applications must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, March 16, 2010 or dropped off in person before 4PM on that day. Applications will not be accepted by fax or e-mail.

Additional Information and Application Forms:

Additional information and application forms can be found on the Awards website at <http://www5.mississauga.ca/myac>.

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Student receives award

Julia Le
May 14, 2010

Volunteering doesn't feel like work for Sasha Haran.

The 16-year-old, who's being recognized tonight at the Mississauga Youth Achievement Awards for her work in the community, said it's a great way to socialize and feel like part of the community.

"It's really a lot of fun," said Haran, a Grade 11 student at Mentor College, who's receiving the Jim Wilde Youth Volunteer Award at the Mississauga Central Library. "I like meeting new people and getting to know the people I already know."

Haran is among a number of Mississauga youths being recognized at the awards, hosted by the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee. The Jim Wilde Youth Volunteer Award recognizes a youth who is dedicated to serving the community.

Wilde, the former chair of the Mississauga Public Library Board, died earlier this year. He had served on the board since 2004 and was also a founding member of Friends of the Library, formed in 1988.

Wilde was known for his passion and commitment to improving Mississauga, and its libraries.

Haran said she's surprised, but honoured to be recognized for something she loves to do. Over the past several years, she has lent a hand to the Churchill Meadows branch library, the City of Mississauga's recreation and parks department, St. Josephine Bakhita Parish and the Village of Erin Meadows Long-Term Care Facility. She's also helped out at school.

Haran is also part of the Churchill Meadows library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG), which meets monthly to plan events for teens, provide ideas and suggestions for teen programs and improve the book collection and library services.

In addition to her volunteerism, she keeps good grades, is involved in extracurricular activities and has a part-time job with the City.

TAG leader Erin Strazhnik, who has known Haran for three years, said she's a caring person who's always willing to lend a hand.

"Sasha has been at every single event we've had. She's really been there for us," said Strazhnik. "She's very reliable. If I need to get something done or if I need someone to help me out, I know I can count on her."

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Youth award winner. Sasha Haran is receiving the Jim Wilde Youth Volunteer Award tonight for her work in the community. The ceremony is being held at Mississauga Central Library. *Submitted photo*

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Mississauga youths recognized

Maclej Aniol
May 25, 2010

The 2010 Youth Achievement Awards were presented recently at the Mississauga Central Library to honour the accomplishments of the city's most inspiring and dedicated young citizens.

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) hosted the event during the group's eighth annual Youth Week.

Mayor Hazel McCallion applauded the award recipients, but also took the opportunity to issue a challenge to Mississauga businesses. She wants companies to hire two additional students beyond the number they'd normally employ for the summer.

"We are concerned about the number of students who won't have a job this summer," McCallion said. "Our priority, this year, is the employment of youth. I'm challenging corporations in Mississauga to hire two (additional) students. I believe the corporations will respond.

"I want to make sure as many students are hired and give them confidence in their community and confidence in themselves."

As for the Youth Achievement Awards, several dozen Mississaugans were honoured.

MYAC award-winners were Ruth Zammanuel (Enbridge Youth Volunteer Award), Jagriti Sharma (Enersource Youth Volunteer Award), Jade Hilton (Louroz Mercader Youth Leadership Award) and Amaryllis Jones (Hazel McCallion Youth Leadership Award).

Hilton, 14, said receiving the award was very important to her.

"I gave a lot of time to my community," she said. "It was hard for me to balance everything. I play guitar and soccer.

"I hope people can look up to me. Maybe they'll do something and not just sit at home."

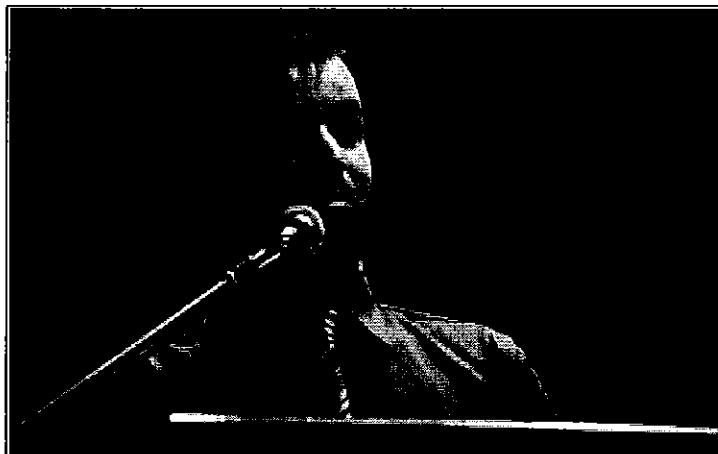
Jones, 17, is Prime Minister of the student council at St. Francis Xavier Secondary School. She created a transition book for Grade 9 students on, "how to stay alive" in high school. The book was written for students, by students.

"It's truly an honour; I'm so speechless," Jones said of the award.

Winning Volunteering Peel Awards were: Lillian Barerra, Kevin Roh, Mahnoor Osmani, Michelle Lee and Alice Poon (Most Enthusiastic); Zainab Abbasi, Alice Yuan, Kevin Wu, Tiffany Choi and Brian Truong (Most Dedicated); Rohit Mehta (Founder's Award); and Arjun Singh, Beini Wang and Allanah Shah (Execs of the Year).

Also, Sasha Haran received the Mississauga Library Jim Wilde Young Volunteer of the Year Award, Shelby Pool, Christine Freda and Amanda Penwill received the Chief Commissioner's Gold Award and Freda also received the Commonwealth Award.

Lastly, Girl Guides of Canada presented the Pathfinders Canada Cord to Kendall Smilde, Lauren McKenzie, Danielle Talbot, Jessica Allan, Olivia Hayhurst, Connie Wood, Alie Boulding, Madison Hayes, Meghan Cederberg, Alana Carr-Matthews, Caitlin Niukkanen, Jillian Lang, Malaika Gomes, Mackenzie Sheridan, Jacqueline Parco and Charlotte Duncan.



Youth awards. Saquib Mian, chair of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee and Mayor Hazel McCallion speak before the presentation of youth awards at the Noel Ryan Auditorium at the Central Library. *Staff photo by Rob Beintema*

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Brotherly love made them winners

Chad Hackl

September 23, 2010

For Mississauga's Gordon Shantz and his "little brother," Michael, receiving an award was nice — but it's really all about the lifelong relationship they have built.

Last night, Gordon and Michael were in the spotlight when Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel (BBBS) held their 10th annual Volunteer and Donor recognition evening at the Famous Players Coliseum theatres.

"I don't think we consider it volunteering anymore," said Shantz, after he and Michael were recognized as the Big and Little Brother of the Year. They have been matched for a full year after getting to know each other through a group mentoring program.

"It's just hanging out with Mike, my little brother."

They get together to go the gym, to watch movies to even to do homework. They're as much best friends as they are "brothers."

"It's just been an unforgettable experience," said 16-year old Michael. "It's funny how real our relationship is."

"Big Night Out With the Stars" was the theme of the night as a jam-packed audience turned out to see numerous donors and volunteers recognized for their efforts on behalf of BBBS.

"All of donors and our volunteers are certainly the stars of our agency," said Shari Lynn Ladanchuk, executive director of BBBS of Peel. "Their gifts really help us bring the joy of mentoring to the Peel community."

Last year, BBBS of Peel served 1,350 children in Peel through their seven core mentoring programs.

Mississauga's Scott Brooks has been a volunteer with BBBS for 10 years and last night was recognized as Group Leader of the Year.

"It's certainly been very exciting," said Brooks. "Ten years has gone by so fast. It's kind of interesting to see some of (the little brothers) grow as individuals."

Other award winners from Mississauga were recognized last night.

- Sadeq Khan was honoured as Youth of the Year.
- Leon Surujpaul was named the Volunteer of the Year.
- The Mississauga Board of Trade was recognized as Local Business Partner of the Year.
- The Centre for Education & Training was tabbed the organization's Community Partner of the Year.
- *The Mississauga News* received an Award of Excellence for its media coverage of the organization.

If you are interested in volunteering for BBBS of Peel visit www.bbbspeel.com or call 905-457-7288.

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Stars were shining. It was a Big Night Out With The Stars when Big Brother Big Sisters of Peel hosted their 10th annual Volunteer and Donor Recognition Evening at Famous Players Coliseum. The Big and Little Brother of the Year were Mississauga's Gordon Shantz and Michael. *Staff photo by Rob Beintema*

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United Way of Peel Region's Youth Spirit Awards honour the inspiration and passion evident in the very best youth-led campaigns and fundraising events.

Awards for secondary schools, post-secondary schools and youth groups

biggest bucks

This award is presented to the group that raises the most money for United Way of Peel Region. To be eligible for this award, your group must raise a minimum of \$500 and hold at least two events.

the Leading edge

This award is presented to the group that demonstrates the most innovative use of integrated media throughout their United Way of Peel Region fundraising campaign (electronic, multi-media, print). In order to be eligible for this award, your group must submit at least five examples of media used during your campaign.

uniquely yours

This award is presented to the group that holds the most creative and unique special event(s) in support of United Way of Peel Region. In order to be eligible for this award, your group must hold at least one event.

Helping Hands

This award is presented to the group that has the most participants at an event that demonstrates extraordinary teamwork and is focused on community issues. To be eligible for this award, a minimum of 30 individuals must participate in your event.

Entry deadline: 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 10, 2010

The entry forms are available at www.unitedwaypeel.org.

Email your entries to Susan Kulkarni, Resource Development Manager at skulkarni@unitedwaypeel.org

All entries become the property of United Way. Winners will be announced in December 2010.



United Way announces 2010 Youth Spirit Award Winners

MISSISSAUGA — Emptying her piggy bank to buy lollipops for her classmates is how one generous kindergarten student showed her support for United Way. The students at Fernforest Public school who organized the lollipop sale are one of several groups of young people who received a United Way Youth Spirit award this year. The award honours children and youth who demonstrate fun and creativity while raising funds for United Way.

The Youth Spirit Award program is an initiative of United Way's Young Leaders Council (YLC), a group of young adults focused on creating a legacy of giving and volunteerism that will strengthen our community.

"As the Chair of the Young Leaders Council, I'd like to congratulate all the Youth Spirit Award winners," says YLC Chair Monika Platek. "It makes me so proud to see the true essence of community spirit in these young people. The future is bright because we have such passionate young volunteers to draw inspiration from."

- Youth-led campaigns across Peel raised a total of \$10,547.89 for United Way this year. The awards will be presented over the next few weeks at the schools of the winners.

The following youth-led campaigns received Spirit Awards:

Leading Edge

This award is presented to the group that demonstrates the most innovative use of media throughout their fundraising campaign.

Winner: Fernforest Falcons of Fernforest Public School The Fernforest Falcons of Fernforest Public School raised \$1,565.95 through a variety of events including lollipop sales and crazy hat day. The students created engaging and exciting posters and banners and delivered enthusiastic announcements promoting events and spreading awareness of how United Way helps our community.

Biggest Bucks Award

This award is presented to the group that raised the most money.

- **Secondary and Post Secondary Winner: University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) Music Club** The UTM Music Club raised a total of \$1,020.90 by selling tickets to a multicultural concert and dinner buffet. The students organized, advertised and performed the concert which included a variety of cultural pieces reflective of our diverse community.

Elementary and Middle School Winner: White Oaks Public School Outreach Club

The White Oaks Public School Outreach Club in Mississauga raised \$3,163.34 through their "United for the Holidays" gift extravaganza. Students from grades 3 to 5 sold crafts at a school-wide craft show.

Uniquely Yours Award

This award is presented to the secondary or post-secondary group that holds the most creative and unique special event(s).

- **Winner: Port Credit Secondary School - Synergy**

Port Credit Secondary School - Synergy raised \$1,004.00 and increased awareness about United Way through a "Head Shaving" event. The student group convinced three popular teachers to shave their heads and then collected pledges, donations and fees to attend the event.

Helping Hands Award

This award is presented to students who engage the most participants in an event that focuses on community issues. Planning of this event should demonstrate extraordinary teamwork.

Secondary School Winner: Bramalea Secondary School – Student Council

Bramalea Secondary School Student Council fostered a sense of community and teamwork while raising \$1,010 for United Way. Fundraising events included a school-wide candy gram, bake sales and craft sales, scavenger hunts and a "Wear your ugly holiday sweater day." Advertising for all events included messaging on how United Way helps our community.

Elementary and Middle School: Roberta Bondar Public School – Student Parliament

Roberta Bondar Public School Student Parliament involved the entire student body in raising \$800. Events included Change for Change and the Bondar Bazaar which focused on reducing our landfills by recycling gently used items.

- **About the Awards**

A group of Sheridan College students and recent graduates created one-of-a-kind art pieces for the winners of this year's Youth Spirit Awards. The artists are Claire Anderson, Melanie Billark, Janet Cox, Alyssa Getz, Jordan McDonald and Andrew Wardlaw.

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Student receives Ontario's highest youth honour

Joseph Chin
May 3, 2010

A Father Michael Goetz Secondary School student has received Ontario's highest honour for youth, the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers, for his community contributions. Arnav Agarwal was among 12 recipients presented with a medal, lapel pin and certificate in a special ceremony recently at Queen's Park hosted by David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The Grade 12 student has contributed 2,700 volunteer hours with 25 organizations, including ErinoakKids Centre for Treatment and Development, Mississauga YMCA, Red Cross Society and Credit Valley Hospital.

He's no stranger to winning awards for his leadership and being a role model. Last November, he was presented with the Province's Medal for Good Citizenship by Onley. Closer to home, Agarwal was selected by his peers on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee for the 2009 Mississauga Young Citizen of the Year Award.

"It's really an honour to have my work recognized in this way," said the 17-year-old of his recognitions.

Agarwal immigrated to Canada from India about six years ago; he came from New Delhi, a relatively wealthy city in India.

However, he returned to visit three years ago with a grassroots charity organization that helps people in poor villages in India. He was moved by the poverty he witnessed firsthand.

"It inspired me to make a change when I returned to Mississauga," he said.

Agarwal hopes to expand his community work from Mississauga and eventually help those poor people in India.

"It's my goal to touch the hearts of the people in those villages," he said. "I'd like to start a charity, a non-profit organization of my own, to help people in those villages."

The Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers was created in 1998 to recognize outstanding volunteer contributions of Ontarians between the ages of 15-24.

"I am proud to honour 12 of Ontario's youngest role models with this medal. Through their giving, and lasting commitment to community service, they have embraced their communities and this honour shows how strongly they have been embraced in return," said Onley.

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Arnav Agarwal. Arnav Agarwal shows off his Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers, which he received for his community contributions. *Photo supplied*

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Ontario Medal For Young Volunteers Recipients



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The Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers was created in 1998 to recognize outstanding volunteer contributions of Ontarians between the ages of 15 and 24 years of age.

The recipients are:

Arnav Agarwal of Mississauga, a leader and role model who has contributed 2,700 volunteer hours with 25 organizations, including the YMCA, the Red Cross Society and the Credit Valley Hospital.

Christopher Albert of Barrie, who has volunteered more than 600 hours doing pet therapy for seniors at Roberta Place Long Term Care and the Bob Rumball Home for the Deaf. He has also raised funds for Multiple Sclerosis and has helped with the purchase and training of service dogs for autistic children.

Neeka Allison of Toronto, who has volunteered extensively with young children at the Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre. He helped organize events, including the

Scouts honoured

Julia Le

November 10, 2010

Three Mississauga teens have been recognized provincially with the Queen's Venturer Award. James Smyth, Cassandra Bodrucky and Kenneth Lee are among 55 Ontario youths who recently earned the highest Scouting proficiency award for youth members of Scouts Canada.

Each attended a special ceremony on Oct. 23 at Queen's Park, where they were presented with the award by Lieutenant Governor of Ontario David C. Onley, a patron of the Ontario Councils of Scouts Canada.

The Queen's Venturer Award recognizes members in the Venturer Scout program (for youth aged 14-17) who have successfully acquired competence and skills that will be of considerable use to themselves, their company and their community. Among other criteria, a venturer must complete 50 hours of volunteer service, hold a First Aid certificate or equivalent, be certified in a service skill such as Canadian Ski Patrol and Search and Rescue, demonstrate leadership in a peer environment and hold the World Conservation Award (earned by individuals who "think globally" and "act locally" to preserve and improve the environment).

Smyth and Bodrucky, venturers with 1st Erindale Scouts, say they've worked hard to achieve the award and are the first in their group to receive such recognition.

Bodrucky, a Grade 12 student at The Woodlands Secondary School, said you have to have determination and willingness.

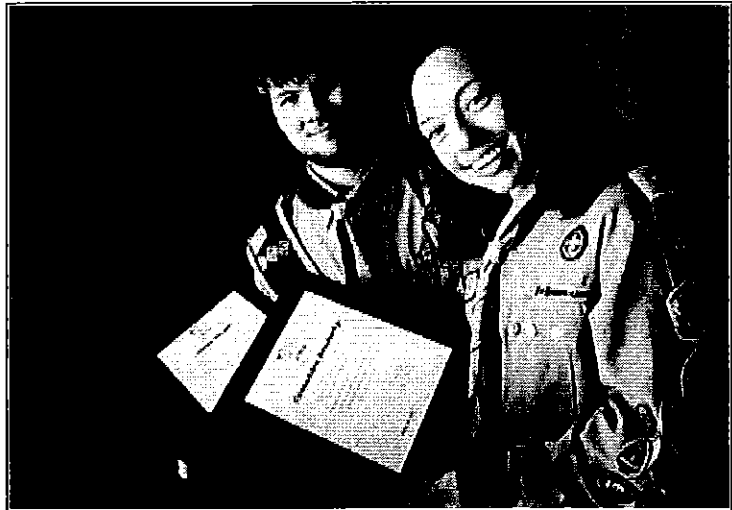
"When I looked at the requirements, I thought this was a great challenge to put myself through," said Bodrucky, 18, a Scout for six years. "You're helping the community and you're helping the environment. You're helping so many people by (trying to achieve) this award."

Smyth adds it's a good feeling knowing you're doing your part in the community.

"It makes you feel like you're making a difference," said Smyth, who has been in Scouts since he was six.

Bodrucky and Smyth say their service to the community doesn't stop with the award; they'll continue to be active in Scouts.

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Award winners. James Smyth and Cassandra Bodrucky of 1st Erindale are two of three Mississaugans to receive the Queen's Venturer Award. The award recognizes the top Scouts in Canada. *Staff photo by Rob Beintema*

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This youth is in motion

Juan Antonio Sison
June 7, 2010

David Castelino is part of an elite group of youths under the age of 20.

The 19-year-old University of Toronto chemical engineering student has been recognized by Youth in Motion as one of the most remarkable young people in the country for his invention of a special solar tile.

Each year, Youth in Motion, a Toronto-based youth mentoring charity, honours The Top 20 Under 20 for outstanding achievements in leadership, innovation and environmentalism. It's the seventh year the list has been generated.

Each winner receives \$5,000 as well as mentoring and a career coach for one year. Castelino caught the attention of judges with his Sol-tile product, a cheap organic form of harnessing solar energy. He says the solar cell uses plant pigments extracted from fruits, vegetables and even weeds.

The St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School graduate says he conceived the idea at age 11, when his parents gave him a solar cell.

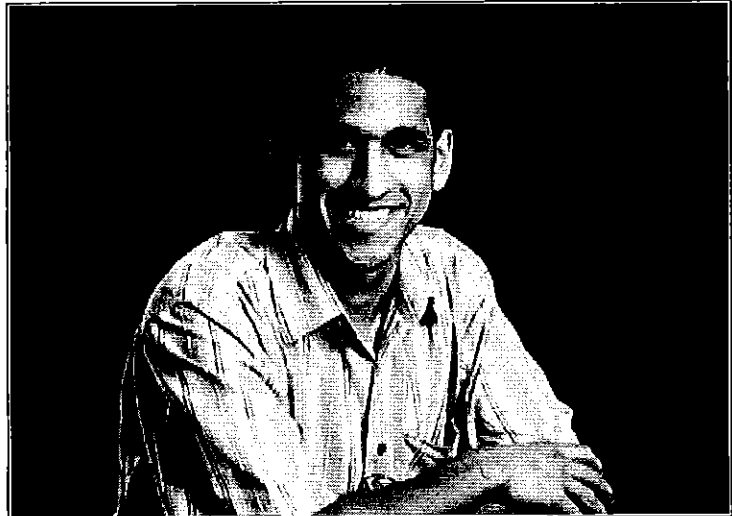
He was inspired to marry solar energy with plants because his parents are avid gardeners.

"I combined my passion for gardening, biology and plants with interest in solar cells," said Castelino, who just finished his second year at UTM.

He hopes his invention will one day be used in hospitals in third world countries.

Others in the top 20 include a two-time cancer survivor who raised more than \$83,000 for cancer research and an inventor who created a hybrid walker and wheelchair.

Castelino garnered additional praise last Thursday (June 30), when he won the Canada Foundation for Innovation Impact Award. He was presented with the award at a ceremony at Arcadia Court in Toronto. He collected \$2,000 for that honour.



Top achiever. David Castelino's Sol-tile invention, a cheap organic alternative to conventional solar tiles, was selected by Youth in Motion as one of Canada's top achievements of youths under age 20.
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Students rewarded for efforts

Amy McDonald
November 28, 2010

For the current generation of public-spirited high school students, Marc Kielburger, co-founder (with his brother Craig) of world-renowned charity organizations Free the Children and Me to We, is akin to royalty. Appropriately, Kielburger was the ambassador for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award ceremony which took place at Holy Name of Mary College School on yesterday afternoon.

He presented 73 deserving high school students from across Ontario with the Silver level achievement award, including six Mississauga residents: Meredith Webb and Kamila Swiderski of Holy Name of Mary College School; Karen Lee and Annalisa Kostirko of St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School in Oakville; Samantha Lenahan of Appleby College in Oakville; and Aidan O'Sullivan of Iona Catholic Secondary School.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was founded in 1956 by Prince Philip, and currently runs in 126 countries around the world. In the program, youth between the ages of 15 and 25 challenge themselves to goals in four categories: Community Service, Personal Skill Development, Adventurous Journey, and Physical Education at the Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels. The program encourages youth to participate in their communities and gain new skills and self-confidence. Karen Lee, 16, says the program "has pushed me out of my comfort zone." Last December, she went on a 4-day dog-sledding trip in Algonquin Park. "I'd never even camped before! We even had to take care of the dogs. It was one of the most unique experiences I've ever had."

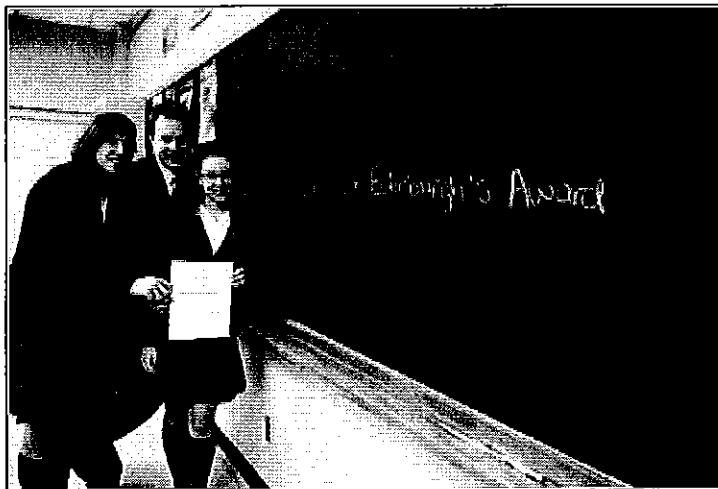
Karen is also captain of her school's Robotics club, and has volunteered for many years with the Terry Fox Run. Grade 11 student Aidan O'Sullivan is president of the 4th Erindale Scouts and has applied many of his scouting activities towards his Silver award, including a 4-day canoe trip in Algonquin Park this past summer, and assisting veterans in this year's poppy campaign.

"The Duke of Edinburgh program has made me get out a lot more than I might have otherwise," he said.

Meredith Webb, 16, began working toward her Silver award last year and completed her requirements this past August.

"I did volunteer work at my school at open houses and doing yard clean-up," she said. Her chosen adventure was an 8-day canoe journey on Lake Temagami. "On that trip, I learned I could definitely do a lot more than I thought I could." She would recommend the program to other young people. "I've learned a lot about myself and I've made a ton of new friends," she said.

Meredith, Karen and Aidan are all currently working toward their Gold awards.



Winners. Kamila Swiderski (left) and Meredith Webb (right) receive the Duke of Edinburgh's silver award of achievement from Marc Kielburger during a ceremony held at Holy Name of Mary College School yesterday afternoon. *Photo by Claudio Cugliari*

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Six students win Duke of Edinburgh awards

Julia Le
July 23, 2011

Six Mississauga students are being recognized with a Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Rami Abu-Zeidan, Sarah Cobourn, Shubhangni Dagar, Elliot Mayhew, Leila Popat and Kaitlin Sutherland are among 156 youths receiving the Gold Award of Achievement from Prince Phillip for developing a sense of responsibility to themselves and their communities.

The award, which was established in Canada in 1963, challenges youths ages 14-25 to stretch themselves in four areas — community service, skill development, physical recreation and adventurous journey. The aim is to encourage youth to become more active, healthy and engaged in the community.

Prince Phillip's son, Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, will be handing out the awards at a ceremony on Tuesday at Evergreen Brickworks in Toronto.

Cobourn says it was a lot of work completing 344 hours of community service through acting as peer counsellor, editing and writing for an online lab, guiding tours and leading a team for Relay for Life, which raises money for cancer research. She also implemented a peer counselling program in Fort McPherson in the Northwest Territories and was the head of a student athletics council.

Cobourn, who is completing her PhD in Corporate Social Responsibility at Bond University in Australia, says she feels she has grown to become a balanced and committed individual and is privileged to be formally recognized by royalty.

Abu-Zeidan, who is receiving the award for his community service at Scarborough Grace Hospital as a volunteer and being a student council member at McMaster University, says the "The Duke of Edinburgh Award program has been a driving force in my development as a socially conscious global citizen."

Abu-Zeidan, who is studying psychology with a specialization in Behavioural Neuroscience and is in the Navy Reserves, has contributed to a published book, founded an environmental club in high school and worked to reduce his carbon footprint by 50 per cent.

Dagar earned the Gold Award of Achievement on the heels of earning the bronze and silver awards by tutoring, coaching, volunteering and taking part in a 237-kilometre trip at Bronte Creek in Oakville that involved hiking, biking and swimming.

She says participating in the challenge allowed her to "become a versatile student and allowed me to have new experiences such as camping."

Mayhew, a student at St. Michael's College School in Toronto, Popat, a graduate of Wilfred Laurier University and Lorne Park Secondary School, and Sutherland, a St. Mildred's Lightbourn School, also received bronze, silver and gold awards in succession.

Mayhew was a varsity basketball manager, a St. Ignatius Loyola Church altar server and a hockey and soccer game officiant. He also completed a 250-kilometre bike ride from Toronto to Niagara Falls.

Popat earned her award by volunteering at a local mosque and at community events, taking a 50-kilometre canoe trip at Six Mile Lake in Georgian Bay and working on a community development work in Costa Rica.

Sutherland tutored music and went on a 98-kilometre whitewater canoe trip in the Petawawa River. She also lived in Osaka, Japan and took care of children in Peru.

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Winner. Leila Popat is among six Mississaugans who are each receiving a Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Handing out the awards at a ceremony on Tuesday at Evergreen Brickworks in Toronto is Prince Phillip's son, Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex. *Supplied photo*

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The Library's Jim Wilde Young Volunteer Award began in 2001 is presented annually to two young people who either work for the Library and volunteer as well, or who volunteer with the Library. It is intended to recognize the value and importance of young volunteers in the City of Mississauga and further to bring attention to the efforts of all volunteers.

Jim Wilde was a resident of Mississauga since 1967 until his death in 2010. He was a member of the executive of the Friends of the Library since 1986 and for some of that time held the position of Chair. He has also served on numerous other volunteer capacities in the City.

In serving his community through volunteer work, Jim always championed excellence in library service, the needs of youth at their library, the importance of the library's role in promoting our history to young people, and of doing all this in a cost conscious and responsible way as exemplary public service.

Jim Wilde always believed that the volunteers of tomorrow should be developed today and this award in his honor is a way to fulfill that belief.

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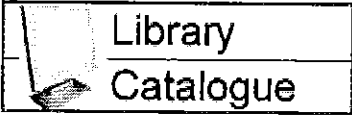
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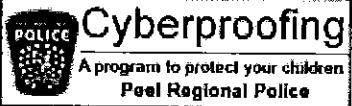
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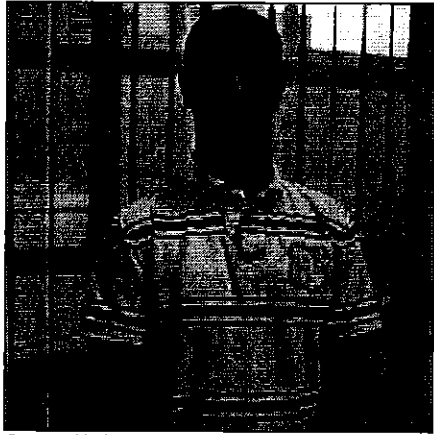
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Jim Wilde "Young Volunteer" Award Winners - Current

The Jim Wilde Young Volunteer of the Year Awards 2010



George Kelly

George has been a volunteer in the Circulation Department of the Central Library for over a year. George is punctual, presents himself in a professional manner, takes initiative and is accurate in his duties. In addition to his volunteer work at the library, George volunteers at the library of the Church of the Virgin Mary and St. Athanasius where he shelves books and assists with the church's annual fundraising carnival. He also helps fill orders in the St. Mary's Food Bank and volunteers weekly at the Maxwell Homeless Shelter and Good Shepherd Homeless Shelter.



Jennifer D'Cruz

Jennifer has been employed with the Mississauga Library System, Frank McKechnie Branch, since 2007. Prior to that, she was a volunteer at the library. Even though Jennifer is a full-time student at McMaster University to which she commutes daily, Jennifer continues to deliver a high standard of service at the library, and is actively involved in her community. Jennifer volunteers with the Red Cross. This spring Jennifer is spending a month in Thailand, participating in Global Youth Network, a volunteer NGO which focuses on displacement and health and well-being.



Police award scholarships

Julla Le

August 5, 2011

Katherine Dos Santos has received a Diversity Cup Scholarship, courtesy of Peel Regional Police.

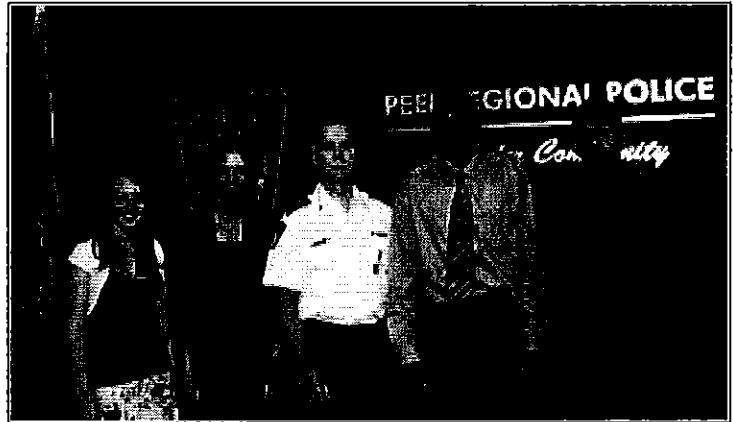
The Mississauga resident is among four students in Peel to receive the \$1,000 post-secondary scholarship, awarded to those who, among other things, have overcome personal adversity and made significant contributions to improving their school.

The scholarship was established last year through the Diversity Cup, an annual basketball tournament hosted by Peel police and Citizenship and Immigration Canada for students of diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds.

Each recipient was chosen on a recommendation from their secondary school principal and for showing personal qualities throughout their time in high school that include a positive attitude, enthusiasm, persistence and a high level of integrity.

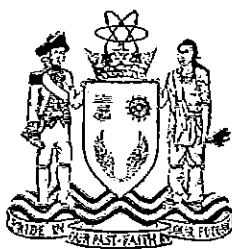
The scholarships were recently awarded at Peel police headquarters in Brampton by Deputy Chief Dan McDonald.

"Our youth are our future and the men and women of Peel Regional Police recognize the important role education plays in not only improving individual lives, but that of society in general," said McDonald. Dos Santos earned the award because she was active in faith programs and volunteered at a number of community events. She plans to focus her post-secondary education on mathematics. Brampton residents Ibrahim Alimi, Raul Bado and Sarah Wright are the other recipients. jle@mississauga.net



Diversity Cup Scholarship. Katherine Dos Santos (second from left) is among four students in Peel to receive a Diversity Cup Scholarship. To her left is fellow recipient Sarah Wright and to her right are Peel Regional Police Deputy Chief Dan McDonald and other scholarship recipients Ibrahim Alimi and Raul Bado. *Supplied photo*

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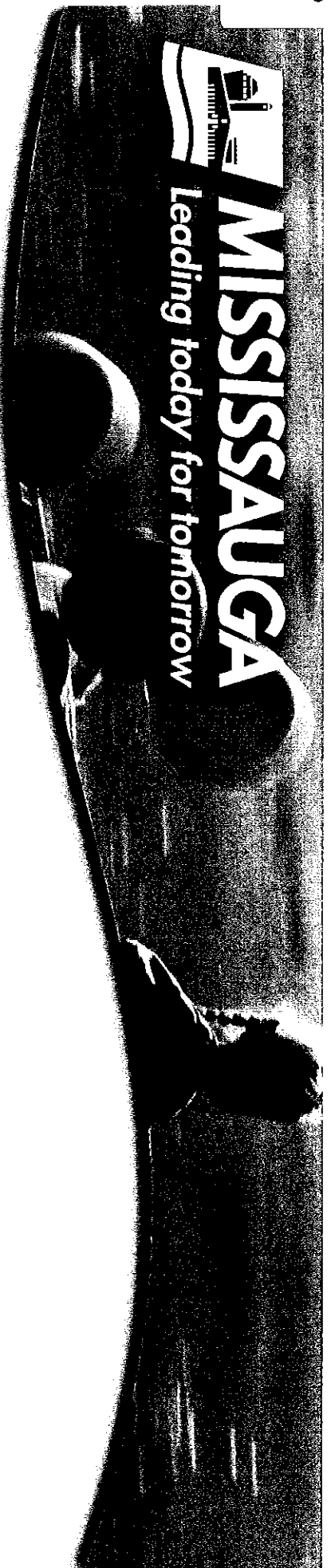
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Mayor Hazel McCallion, C.M.

November 2007



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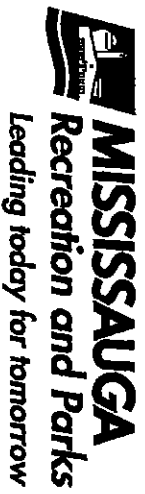
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Nominations must be sent to the Canadian Heritage Regional Office no later than March 31.

For further information and nomination forms, please contact the Celebrate Canada information line at

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Canadian Sanitation Supply Association Scholarship Award

Nine scholarships, totalling \$2,000 CAD, are awarded each year to Canadian students attending college or university in Canada. This year's applicants must be individuals who have achieved high academic and leadership standards over the years and who are graduating secondary school in June 2008.

The awards are as follows: One "CSSA Scholarship Foundation" award will be offered in each of the following six regions: Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba & Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

- One International Sanitary Supply Association Foundation Scholarship chosen from all the applicants.
- One Sam Tughan Scholarship to be awarded to a qualified individual studying Medicine.
- One Geoffrey H. Wood Scholarship to be awarded to a qualified individual studying Education.

An application form for the 2008 Scholarship Program may be downloaded from the CSSA web site at www.cssa.com

Deadline for applications is June 1, 2008.

The Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards

Formerly the Canadian War Museum History Awards, the Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards consist of five prizes of \$1,000 to senior students who plan on graduating from secondary school in the spring of 2008. To qualify, each student must submit original work using one of the following mediums: The deadline for submissions is March 15, 2008.

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For inquiries about the Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards, email education@warmuseum.ca or call (819) 776-8672.

Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations (Toronto) Awards Program Process

The Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations, (AJAA), is an umbrella organization in the Metro Toronto Area that represents past students of educational institutions in Jamaica.

AJAA launched its first annual Graduates Program in 1993. The goal of this program is to recognize the scholastic achievements of high school graduating students of Jamaican descent and encourage them to pursue post secondary education. To further enhance the program, a bursary was added in 1998. The number of bursaries awarded each year depends on available funding and contributions.

For more information visit the following links: [application](#), [essay competition](#), [award process information](#)

Carol Anne Letheren Leadership and Sport Scholarship

The vision and objective of the Carol Anne Letheren Leadership and Sport Scholarship is to support the development of young women who demonstrate the potential to reach Carol Anne Letheren's vision and capabilities and who aspire to core Olympic values of Excellence, Leadership, Respect, Human Development, Fun, Fairness, and Peace.

The scholarship is a national, three-year university scholarship totally \$1,500 per year.

[For application details see this pdf file.](#) Deadline for applications is Feb. 28.

Jean Lumb Awards

Jean Lumb was the first Chinese Canadian woman and the first restaurateur to receive the Order of Canada for her work in the community. More notably Lumb is known for her role in changing immigration laws that separated Chinese families and for her efforts in saving Chinatowns in Toronto and other cities.

The Jean Lumb Awards are given to four outstanding students who have achieved excellence in academics, athletics, the arts and community services. The value of each award is \$1,000. For an application and information on eligibility visit the following link [Jean Lumb Award](#)

Padgett Scholarship Program

The **Padgett Scholarship Program** offers financial support to the dependents of owners of small, independent businesses throughout North America. A series of \$500 educational scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who will continue their education at accredited post-secondary institutions. Each regional winner will become eligible for one international \$4,000 scholarship. Since 1990, Padgett has awarded over \$600,000 to dependants of small business owners.

For more information and application form see this pdf file. Deadline for applications is March 1.

Visit the Padgett web site at <http://grants.wrdsb.on.ca/scholar/padgett.htm>

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Mississauga Lifeguards Best in Ontario

MISSISSAUGA, Sept. 16, 2011 / - Mississauga City Council is recognizing its lifeguards for their successful season at provincial lifeguard and lifesaving competitions at a ceremony on October 26th in Council Chambers. This past season, the Mississauga Lifesaving Club (MLC) swept the Ontario Lifeguard Championships and the Ontario Lifesaving Pool Championships, claiming both championships amongst fierce competition from across Ontario.

"Our athletes train year round and come from diverse backgrounds. Many are city staff, residents and young adults who have been taking swimming lessons with Recreation and Parks since they were children," said Alvin Tedjo, President of MLC. "The recognition from city council is an honour and we certainly appreciate all the support the city has given us. We could not have been as successful this year without it."

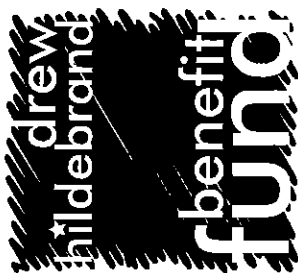
Each competition features numerous clubs from across Ontario, from Thunder Bay to Ottawa. This year, Mississauga claimed both championships hosted by the cities of London and Richmond Hill. Mississauga sent 41 competitors to both competitions.

Run by the Lifesaving Society of Canada, these competitions are a part of lifesaving sport, an International Olympic Committee (IOC) recognized sport where competitors contend in swimming races and rescues.

The Mississauga Lifesaving Club would like to recognize the following people for their support during the competition season – Leslie Aziz, Judith Schultz, Sharon Newman, Melissa Rydahl, Roberto Aburto, Nicholas Hay, Paul Johnson and Rebecca Geroux. A full list of participants is available upon request.

The Mississauga Lifesaving Club provides training and competition opportunities for all residents, staff and any eager participant. It shares the values of the Lifesaving Society and its goals of drowning prevention and water safety. The club hopes to improve awareness of lifesaving sport and provide personal and professional development opportunities for its members. The club was established in 1970.

For more information, contact: Alvin Tedjo, President, 647-669-6885, alvin@tedjo.ca



Drew Hildebrand "It takes courage to change" Scholarships

...recognizing and rewarding graduating teens who have demonstrated positive change and turnaround initiative.



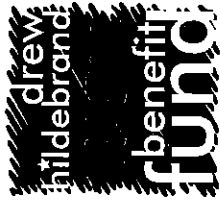
The "It takes courage to change" Scholarships are in memory of Drew who died on April 8, 2008 at the age of 16. Drew's family was so proud that Drew himself took such strong turnaround initiative and received that recognition from his high school, Thomas A Blakelock. Unfortunately tragedy struck before he could realize his full potential. Now, in his memory, Drew's scholarships will encourage and reward turnaround teens so they can pursue a better life.



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The Drew Hildebrand "It takes courage to change" scholarships encourage, recognize and reward positive change through individual scholarships of up to \$4,000 for post secondary education and/or training programs.



It can be an extraordinary challenge for at-risk teens to take the courageous and consistent actions to turn their backs on risky behaviours. The goal of the "It takes courage to change" Scholarships is to encourage at-risk teens to take the initiative to find the path to a better life, and then recognize and reward graduating teens in Peel and Halton high schools who have demonstrated positive change and turnaround initiative.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must:

1. Be a graduating high school student within the Peel and Halton regions and planning to enroll in a qualifying program for the fall term of the coming academic year.
2. Complete an application package that includes:
 1. an application form;
 2. an "expressive" submission that has 2 components:
 - a letter (no more than 2 pages) that outlines how the teen has demonstrated personal turnaround initiative and what that has meant to his or her life; and
 - a letter, poem, piece of artwork, or song that expresses the applicant's thoughts or viewpoints about how our society can better deal with and prevent teen violence, which could include an anti-violence slogan or poster, for instance; or, a letter that outlines a new student fundraising idea for DHTBF;
 3. recommendation forms from 2 references; one must be completed by a teacher or guidance counselor or by a member of the DHTBF volunteer committee;
 4. an official transcript of the applicant's grades, certified by the high school.

Application packages are available on the web site at www.drewhildebrandtbf.com

Deadline for submission is March 30th. Scholarships will be awarded at the beginning of June.



Support this great cause!

We're benefiting teens who have demonstrated turnaround initiative:

- ★ \$1,000 donation could cover books and supplies;
- ★ \$2,500 donation can help cover one year of tuition at a community college/trade or vocational school;
- ★ \$4,000 donation will provide one full scholarship for a deserving turnaround teen;
- ★ Smaller donations will be applied to Drew's Scholarship Fund and Community Teen Support Groups;
- ★ Larger gifts and sponsorships will benefit several turnaround teens!

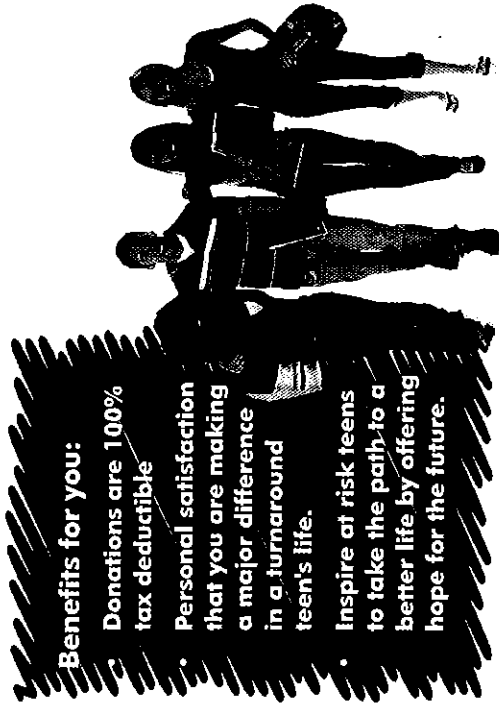


Donations and Sponsors are needed for our fundraising initiatives:

1. The annual Drew Hildebrand 5K Walk The Walk in June in Oakville.
2. The annual Drew Hildebrand Charity Golf Classic Tournament held in the Fall.
3. Student Fundraisers: music events, barbecues, bake sales.

Benefits for you:

- Donations are 100% tax deductible
- Personal satisfaction that you are making a major difference in a turnaround teen's life.
- Inspire at risk teens to take the path to a better life by offering hope for the future.



In Drew's memory, we will make a difference. It takes courage to change!



It is a wonderful program on many fronts. The material covered and the knowledge and experience they gain is extremely valuable for the students, school community and the greater community.

- Suzann Verhoeven,
Father Michael Goetz Secondary School Teacher



This program helps all students, the doers and the observers, to see that everyone is responsible for each other and to keep each other safe! Knowing the facts, the consequences and the opportunities for change will contribute to less crime, more involvement and greater accountability. We need this for our youth of today who think one person can't make a difference. One person can!

- Sue Dunn-Eckstein,
St. Joan of Arc Catholic School Teacher

The program continues to enable our students to learn real life skills that make them more aware of how to be active and safe members of their community. The information and resources they are presented with are invaluable. The program reinforces common sense with informed members of society. Students really enjoy the program!

- Cynthia Souter,
West Credit Secondary School Teacher

For more information

Safe City Mississauga leads and partners to deliver crime prevention services and initiatives to ensure that Mississauga will be a crime-free city for all.

CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES

- Community Mobilization
- Awareness & Education
- Information Provision
- Strategic Leadership & Support



For more information on our services – or if you would like to support the activities of Safe City Mississauga, please call us at 905-615-6272, visit us online at www.safecitymississauga.on.ca or by mail to 300 City Centre Drive, Suite 1055A, Mississauga, ON L5B 3C9.

CROSSROADS YOUTH ACADEMY PARTNERS



Empowering Youth

Since 2003, Crossroads Youth Academy has delivered a multi session program through community crime prevention activities targeted at Secondary School aged youth, internationally recognized as the winner of the 2005 Best Community Crime Prevention Program (International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners) Crossroads Youth Academy motivates and empowers youth to avoid criminal activities, become informed about being good citizens and gives them the knowledge to make healthy decisions when they find themselves at one of life's Crossroads.

Crossroads Youth Academy is delivered in two phases: the Academy Phase and the Service Phase

Academy Phase

Designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills to stay safe and avoid victimization, 6 sessions of in school training and educational presentations are delivered by expert trainers from Safe City Mississauga, Peel Regional Police, Bank of Canada and Peel Paramedics Association.

Topics covered during this phase are:

- Choices (part one) – The basics of crime prevention and personal safety
- Choices (part two) – staying safe and avoiding trouble including topics such as gangs and street racing
- Internet Safety and Cyberbullying
- Drug Education
- Counterfeit Detection & Fraud
- Healthy Relationships – dating abuse and domestic abuse
- Optional CPR Training
- Optional Personal Safety and Self Defence



The Benefits of Crossroads Youth Academy

- Promote safer schools
- Change the negative image of teenagers held by many citizens and thus encourage responsible and accountable behaviour
- Build channels of communication between youth and community institutions such as law enforcement, schools and government
- Provide the opportunity of youth to earn community service hours
- Certificate of Accomplishment awarded by Safe City Mississauga and Peel Regional Police
- Certificate of Introductory CPR awarded by the Peel Paramedics Association
- Gift bag of community crime prevention items

Service Phase Projects

You work hard to earn your money, so why not check to protect it against counterfeiting? Although we don't realize it, counterfeiting is a serious issue that needs to be dealt with. In fact, time spent in prison for counterfeiting can last as much as 14 years. So remember to stay out of trouble and check to protect every time money falls in your hands. - Port Credit Secondary School Student



Have you ever been bullied? Do you know someone who has? What did you do? You can stop bullying in your community. Just take a stand and support what you believe in. You can be the change be the difference in your community. Stand up to the bullying do what is right! This can be changed, appreciate everyone's differences and take a stand. - TL Kennedy Secondary School Student



Following the educational presentations, participants select one of the following Service Phase options:

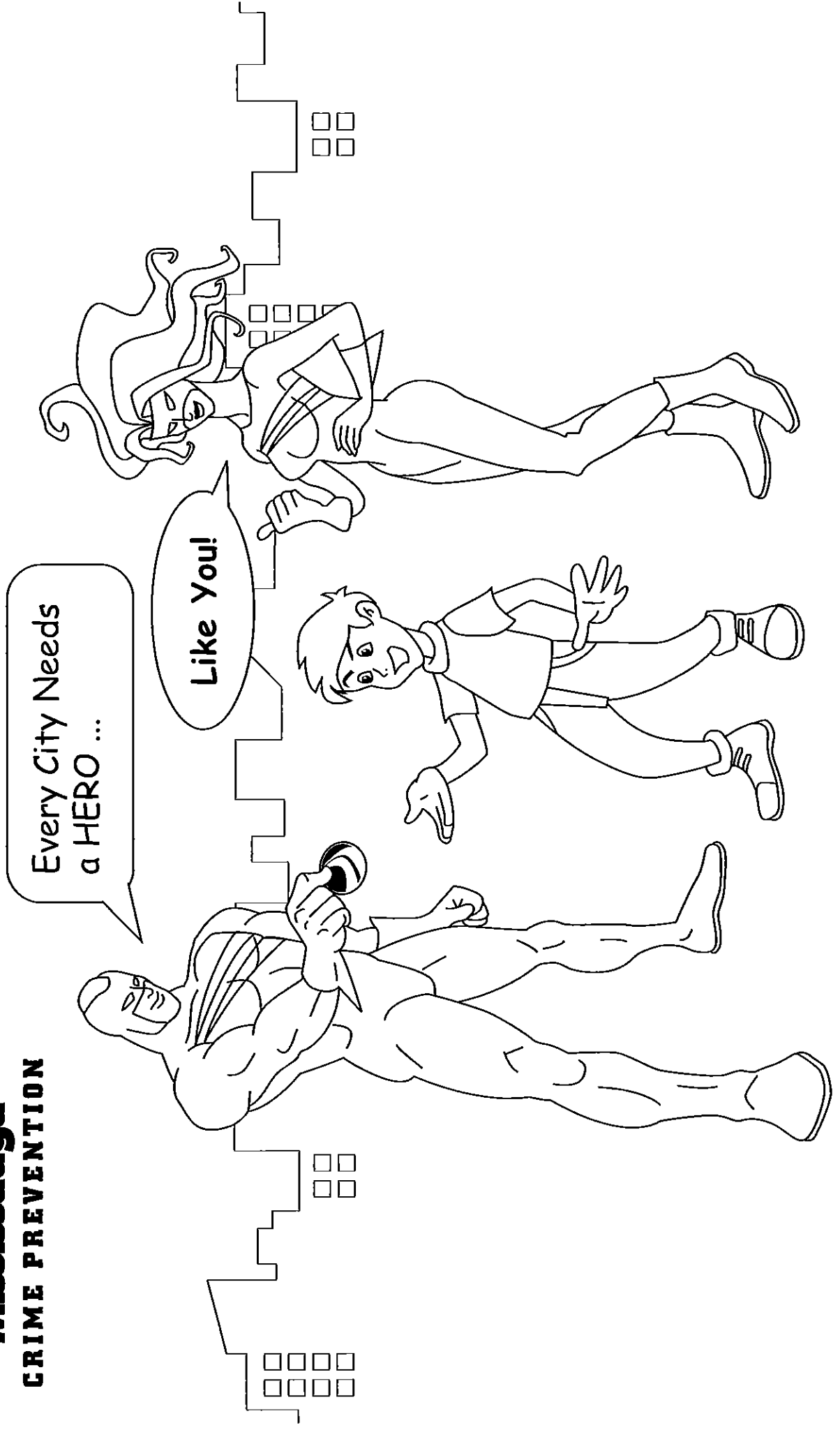
- Educational Announcements to share with their school community over their PA system
- Educational Posters focusing on a topic presented during the Academy Phase sessions
- Students pick a creative project of their own, including game boards, presentations, skits, etc.

Taking on this Ambassador role allows these participants to educate and inform others about crime prevention and safety techniques learned while in the Academy Phase not only within their school, but also in the community. Service Phase projects are displayed on the Safe City Mississauga website and throughout the Mississauga community, and Educational Posters are displayed throughout the Mississauga community.



CRIME PREVENTION

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University Of Toronto Mississauga
Students' Union



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UTMSU University of Toronto Mississauga Student Union Student Recognition Award of Achievement

Description:

The Student Recognition Award of Achievement is awarded based on a student's academic achievement as well as campus and/or community involvement. Deadline: November 19, 2010.

Applicant Information:

Surname

First Name

Student Number

Address

Social Insurance Number

E-mail (UTOR only)

City

Province

Postal Code

Tel:

Program(s) of study

Graduating year

Number of Credits in 2009-2010

Criteria:

- Registered FULL TIME in YEAR 2 or higher @ UTM for 2010/2011
- Attached 500 word detail of student and/or community involvement* which occurred between September 1st, 2009 and August 31st, 2010.
*Involvement is defined as actively participating in any campus or community activity such as clubs, volunteer work, Residence Don, UTMSU, Athletics, VIBE, etc.
- Obtained a minimum of 3.0 Annual GPA for the 2009-2010 Fall/Winter Session
- Completed application and Reference/Declaration page
- Submit to the Office of the Registrar, William G. Davis Building, Room 2122 (Old South Building) no later than November 19, 2010.

Additional Information:

1. Recipients of this award will be chosen by the UTM Student Recognition Award of Achievement Committee.
2. Members of the UTM Student Recognition Award of Achievement Selection Committee are not eligible for this award.
3. Award is based on GPA and involvement from previous year (2009-10 NOT 2010-11).

References:

List a maximum of five individuals who can verify your participation in your activities. Letters of recommendation are not required.

1. _____
Name Position

Organization Phone Number
2. _____
Name Position

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3. _____
Name Position

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5. _____
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Organization Phone Number

Declaration:

The University of Toronto respects your privacy. The information on this form is collected pursuant to section 2(14) of the University of Toronto Act, 1971. It is collected for the purpose of administering admission, registration, academic programs, university-related student activities, activities of student societies, financial assistance and awards, graduation and university advancement, and for the purpose of statistical reporting to government agencies. At all times it will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have questions, please refer to www.utoronto.ca/privacy or contact the University's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office at 416 946-5385, Room 201, McMurrich Bldg., 12 Queen's Park Crescent, Toronto, ON, M5S 1A1

I hereby certify that I have read the above information regarding the protection of my privacy and that the information provided in and with this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete. I also authorize the release of the information contained herein to the appropriate Scholarship Selection Committee. I agree to the release of my name and information pertaining to my academic and extra-curricular activities provided in and with this application to the donor of this award. I hereby also declare that the written work(s) are original and of my own creation.

Signature

Date



THE ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

ANNOUNCEMENT

ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2007 - 2008

The Islamic Development Bank in Co-ordination with the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA-Canada), also in pursuance of its policy of helping students belonging to Muslim communities throughout the world, is pleased to announce a scholarship program. This program is only for first year students at the University level belonging to the Muslim community in Canada for the year 2007 - 2008. The program is for a study in a recognized University/College for Undergraduate Degree in the fields of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Veterinary, Sciences, Engineering, Biology, Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, Food Technology, Computer Sciences and Communications. Applicants from the fields of Journalism, Broadcasting, Law, Social Work, Psychology etc., may also be considered. The number and amount of scholarships for the year 2007- 2008 will be announced later on.

The selected students will be given a yearly stipend of a maximum of \$7,000. This amount is to cover part or whole of the yearly expenses for clothing, books, tuition, and treatment in a government or university hospital and other related expenses. The scholarship program is for the academically strong but financially weak students who are enrolled or accepted at a Canadian university in the above-mentioned fields for the 2007 – 2008 sessions. Applications for the scholarship should meet the following requirements:

1. They should have graduated from a Canadian High School or its equivalent with distinction in English, Mathematics, Science, Physics, Biology and Chemistry.
2. The scholarship program is open only to FIRST YEAR Students at a recognized University/College.
3. Applicants must be Canadian Citizens. Landed Immigrants are not eligible for this award.
4. Applicants must be enrolled/accepted in the FIRST YEAR PROGRAM either at a Canadian university or in a university in an IDB member Country.

5. They should not be in receipt of any other scholarship.
6. The students or their parents are financially hard pressed to pay for his/her education. Students from rural areas and places where there are no education facilities i.e. University/College will be given preference.
7. Students benefiting from this scholarship must undertake to serve his/her community and country after completion of their studies for a period not less than the duration of the scholarship, since the scholarship is a grant from the IDB to the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA-Canada).
8. The scholarship is offered as a loan to be refunded in reasonable installments by the students to The Canadian Islamic Trust Foundation, a TRUST body of the Islamic Society of North America (Canada) after the students complete their education and start employment.
9. Applicants should be no more than 24 years of age.

Scholarship application forms are available from:

ISNA - Canada
2200 South Sheridan Way
Mississauga, Ontario
L5J 2M4

Phone: (905) 403-8406 Ext. 206/207

Fax: (905) 403-8409

Email: isna@isnacanada.com Website: www.isnacanada.com

The application forms, duly completed and signed by the students with necessary letters of recommendation and other educational documents should be sent to the above address. The final selection will be made at the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The **DEADLINE** for receiving the application is **JUNE 30th, 2007**.

Mohammad Ashraf, Ph.D.,
Secretary General.

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Gymnast wins silver for Canada



Silver. Mississauga's Katrina Cameron, left, helped the Canadian team to a silver medal in rhythmic gymnastics on Saturday at the 2011 Pan Am Games. *Supplied Joseph Chin*

October 17, 2011

Two days into the 2011 Pan Am Games, being held Oct. 15-30 in Guadalajara, Mexico, Mississauga gymnast Katrina Cameron already has a medal hanging around her neck.

The team of Cameron, Alexandra Landry (Ajax), Kelsey Titmarsh (Thornhill) and Rose Cossar, Anastasiya Muntyanu and Anjelika Reznik, all of Toronto, won silver in rhythmic gymnastics for Canada yesterday.

Canada finished with 47.950 points. Brazil was the surprise gold medal winner with 48.575 and Cuba was third with 47.175.

The Canadians went into Games as the gold medal favourite after beating both Brazil and the United States (U.S.) last month at the world championships in France.

The U.S., expected to be Canada's main rival for the gold, stumbled badly and finished fourth.

Cameron and company compete again today in the five-ball event final and tomorrow in the three ribbons and two hoops final.

Cameron and her teammates have their sights set on getting to the 2012 Olympic Games in London. If they succeed, it will be the first time Canada has qualified a team in the group event.

Besides Cameron, who who attends St. Martin Secondary School, eight other Mississauga athletes are competing at the Pan Am Games.



Students win big at Canada-Wide Science Fair

Julia Le

June 28, 2011

Eleven Mississauga students brought home more than \$12,000 in cash, scholarships and medals from the Canada-Wide Science Fair 2011 in Toronto.

Tomken Road Senior Public School students Sruti Arulmani, Rachel Shadoff, Michelle Sun and Jessica Vandenhazel, Mentor College students Anthony Meola, Michael Kalaparambath and Hasan Khan, Father Michael Goetz Secondary School student Melissa Phuong, The Woodlands School student Alex Rhee, Port Credit Secondary School's Ramanee Gill and Sherwood Heights School student Keshvi Tilva competed against 500 young scientists from grades 7-12 during the science competition, which ran May 14-21.

They were chosen from more than 100 regional science and technology fairs across Canada to compete for medals, scholarships and prizes worth \$1 million.

The fair was hosted by the Youth Science Canada National Science Fair Program, which is Canada's oldest and largest non-profit organization supporting the development of young scientists.

More than 500 professional scientists, engineers, technologists and educators helped to judge the students' work.

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Winners. Clockwise from top left are science fair winners Tomken Road Senior Public School students Sruti Arulmani, Rachel Shadoff, Michelle Sun and Jessica Vandenhazel, Mentor College students Anthony Meola, Michael Kalaparambath and Hasan Khan, Father Michael Goetz Secondary School student Melissa Phuong, The Woodlands School student Alex Rhee, Port Credit Secondary School's Ramanee Gill and Sherwood Heights School student Keshvi Tilva.

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Naylor named best in Ontario

Iain Colpitts

November 23, 2010

Josh Naylor has been playing baseball against older children since he was three. But this past summer, he played in his own age group — and that's when he really flourished.

Naylor, 13, was just as lethal on the mound as he was at the plate in leading the Mississauga North AAA peewee Tigers to a 56-8 overall record and a second-place finish at the Central Ontario Baseball Association championships. For his efforts, he was named Baseball Ontario's Youth Player of the Year. Naylor, who can pitch and play the field at first base or centre field, received the honour this past weekend at the organization's annual general meeting in Guelph.

"I was really shocked to hear about this," said the Ruth Thompson Middle School student. "I was very honoured to receive the award."

Anyone playing between rookie ball (age nine) and peewee (13) is eligible for the award.

Naylor's father, Chris, was just as surprised to see him win.

"We were happy just to see him nominated," he said. "When we found out he was given the award, we knew the achievement was definitely a stepping stone for the future."

Naylor tallied a .568 batting average with 26 home runs and 108 runs batted in this past season for the Tigers, who placed third at the provincial tournament. On the mound, he threw 45 innings, striking out 77 batters and posting a 2.50 earned-run average.

Tigers coach Karl Bent wasn't surprised that Naylor was recognized.

"He's got a great work ethic," Bent said. "He always wants to get better and he's a great leader for the rest of the boys. He certainly has the potential to go far."

Naylor is also a member of the inaugural Ontario Blue Jays' under-14 development team and he won MVP honours at tournaments in Whitby and Brantford this year.

A highlight came in July when he played with the Canadian Beaver Tails, a provincial program, at a tournament in Cooperstown, New York where he struck out 16 batters in six innings. The Beaver Tails placed in the top 16 out of 104 teams.

As far as future plans go, Naylor has his sights set on Major League Baseball (MLB).

"I really love the MLB," he said. "The effort they put in and the kind of plays they make are really outstanding." icolpitts@mississauga.net



Player of the year. Josh Naylor (left), of the Mississauga North Tigers AAA peewee team, was named Baseball Ontario's Player of the Year. *Supplied photo*

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Church awards scholarships

Iain Colpitts

September 5, 2010

Bishop Lenox Walker truly believes education is the key to the future.

The senior pastor at the Praise Cathedral Worship Centre in Meadowvale also realizes how expensive post-secondary education can be and he feels the members of the church should help out any way they can.

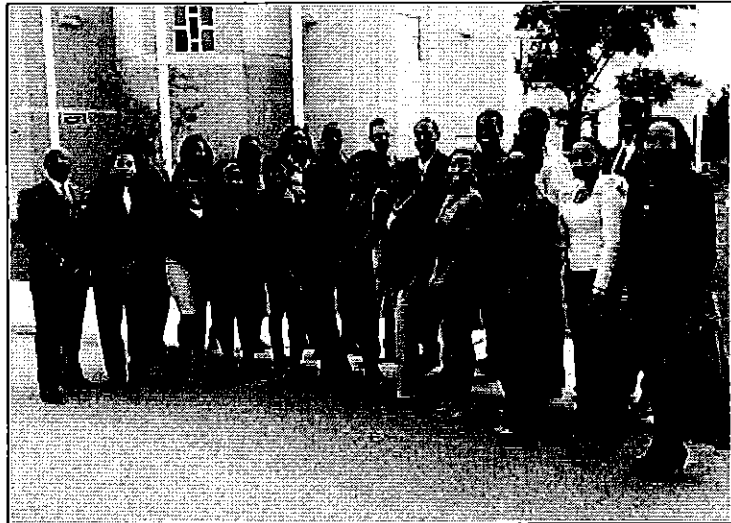
That's why the church awarded 25 youths with \$500 scholarships to pay for tuition this morning.

"We realize how liberating education can be and we want to encourage our youths by investing in their education," said Walker, who admitted to being a troubled student until he turned his life around by attending night school classes before moving on to college. "When you can read, write and communicate well, it makes a significant difference."

The church-funded initiative began two years ago. In 2008, three scholarships were awarded and last year, the church presented them to 23 students.

All youths are eligible so long as they gain acceptance into a post secondary institution. To help students who are struggling, the church tutors students through the Youth Empowerment Program every Saturday morning.

The program is organized and taught by members who have earned masters or doctorate degrees and is open to all students between Grade 4 and 11. Walker has seen students improve substantially through the initiative. "We've had students who started out with failing grades and have gone on to become successful," he said. "Not only do I want to minister in a spiritual manner. I firmly believe we need to help people academically."
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Scholarship recipients. Bishop Lenox Walker (far left) poses outside the Praise Cathedral Worship Centre with students who received \$500 scholarships towards post secondary tuition. In total, 25 youths were awarded scholarships from the Meadowvale church.
Photo by Peter McCusker

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Students earn scholarships

Amit Gossai

August 29, 2010

Thanks to a generous donation from a local church, Odane Taylor will be attending college in the fall to pursue his dream.

The Lincoln Alexander Secondary School graduate joined Natalie Dixon and Danielle Grant in receiving scholarships this afternoon at the third annual Malton Church of God's Loving Kindness Ministry's (LKM) Scholarship Award Program.

"I appreciate the help I'm getting," said Taylor, 18. "This is going to help me financially and also motivate me to accomplish a lot of things." Taylor, who moved to Mississauga from Kingston, Jamaica in 2002, plans to attend Sheridan College in Brampton in September. His goal is to become a production engineer and songwriter.

Taylor said his life started to change when he got the call from the church telling him he was one of the scholarship recipients.

"I felt like things were starting to go my way after a lot of disappointments in my life," said Taylor. "This is a blessing and I need to make use of it."

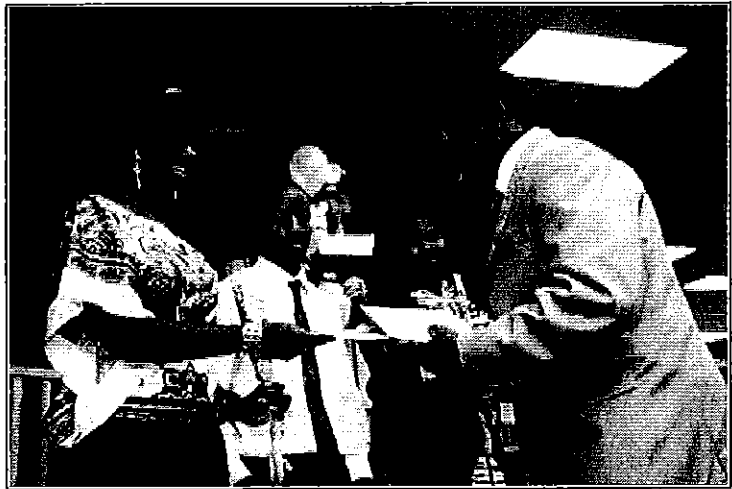
Dixon, a graduate of Mississauga's St. Joseph's Secondary School, said it felt great to be recognized for her hard work.

"This scholarship is going to help me out a lot, especially with my books and transportation," said Dixon, 19, who will attend Humber College in the fall to study early childhood education. "It's really nice to know that your church is supporting you towards your goals."

Grant, 17, has been a member of the Bramalea Rd. church all her life. She said she feels all her hard work is starting to pay off.

The three recipients each received \$500 towards their first year-tuition. They were chosen for the cash awards based on a one-page essay they wrote in advance.

"At a time when so many young people are giving up on their education, here we have three outstanding youth from our community who are successfully pushing forward against the odds," said LKM president, Rev. Iris Douglas. "Certainly, their passion, commitment and ambition to be all they can be will be the driving force in moving them forward as outstanding contributors to their country."



Award winners. Danielle Grant receives a scholarship from Pastor Bishop Dr. Canute Blake along with Odane Taylor (centre and Natalie Dixon (right) during the third annual Malton Church of God's Loving Kindness Ministry scholarship awards ceremony *Photo by Claudio Cugliari*

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Students awarded by church

Mississauga News
August 28, 2011

The Loving Kindness Ministry, a group within the Malton Church of God, presented scholarships last Sunday to three high school students.

Brampton students Sierra Jackson, Kadian Gonez and Richard Trusty each received \$500 at the church's fourth annual scholarship awards ceremony to use as they enter their first year at a post-secondary institution. They were chosen based on a one-page essay they wrote.

Bishop Apostle Canute Blake says the award is an expression of their concern for youth and their future.

"We are hoping and praying that you will continue to abide in Christ as you aspire to acquire higher education and to take your position in society and in the church," he wrote in a message to the recipients.

Rev. Iris Douglas added that they look forward to witnessing the students' academic growth and development and celebrating their contributions to the world.

"Over the last three years, we have sponsored 10 youths through this program and as we add to the roster we do so with great anticipation because we know that when we plant and nurture a seed, the potential for the seed to produce fruit as it matures is real," she said.

Jackson, a Harold M. Brathwaite Secondary School graduate, is pursuing nursing at University of Guelph-Humber.

Gonez, a St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary School graduate, will attend Brock University in St. Catharines for accounting.

Trusty, a Sandalwood Heights Secondary School graduate, plans to pursue law at Carleton University in Ottawa. The Loving Kindness Ministry was founded in 2001 with the purpose of helping the community through financial and food donations.



Loving Kindness Scholarships. The Loving Kindness Ministry scholarship awards, sponsored by the Malton Church of God, were presented to three outstanding secondary school graduates on Sunday. From left, Kadian Gonez plans to go on to Brock University for accountancy, Richard Trusty will be attending Carleton University's law school and Sierra Jackson will be furthering her nursing studies at Humber-Guelph. *Staff photo by Rob Beintema*

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Students receive scholarships

Julie Slack

September 4, 2011

Praise Cathedral Worship Centre hopes to raise a generation of thinkers and to help accomplish that, the Meadowvale church handed out \$500 scholarships to many of its youth members this morning.

Bishop Lennox Walker knowledge is a theme in his church and the scholarships, which have been handed out for five years, are a way to help the youth challenge themselves through education.

This year, 28 scholarships were awarded to students entering college of university.

Mississauga resident Angelique Joseph is going into her third year of media studies at the University of Guelph-Humber. She said the money makes a big difference to her.

"It's definitely beneficial because I'm being raised by a single mom and it goes a long way to helping my life," she said, adding the money goes straight to tuition.

To qualify for the scholarship, students must complete two short essays, fill in a questionnaire and take part in a short interview.

Walker said the church plays a role in education and Praise Cathedral Worship Centre is investing in the younger generation.

In addition to the scholarships, the church also has the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) that provides tutoring to children in the community every Saturday morning throughout the school year.

This year's scholarship recipients are: Rashad Ryan, Alicia Bailey, Lamar Walker, Joshuelle Solomon, Gina Maroni, Heather Duncan-Clarke, Ashley Hutchinson, Shanika Brown, Amberlynn Palmer, John Reid, Leshaye Moore, Danielle Grant, Kianna Cornwall, Alex Miller, Chenelle Lewis, Darryl Simon, Anisha Grossett, Sherika Bailey, O'Neil Blackwood, Sharall Palmer, Ashley Robinson, Nicholas Budhoo, Tia-Asha Anderson, Mark Ilgner, Joel Ketwaru, Chevonne Lewis and Sonya Jordan.

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Scholarship. Several members of Praise Cathedral Worship Centre in Meadowvale received \$500 scholarships from the Centre for post-secondary education. They gathered this morning with Bishop Lennox Walker to talk about the importance of education. *Photo by Julie Slack*

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Meadowvale runner earns three medals

Iain Colpitts
August 15, 2011

Leya Buchanan of the Mississauga Olympians Track & Field Club won three medals at the Legion Canadian Youth Nationals Championships in Ottawa last week.

Running for Team Ontario, the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Secondary Student won two gold medals and a silver.

She was first across the line in the 100-metre dash in a time of 12.29 seconds and also won the 4x100-metre relay (49.26) with teammates Taylor Sharpe, Michaela McLean and Naomi Ashley. She also earned silver in the 200-metre dash in a time of 25.42 seconds.

Buchanan is the reigning Ontario high school champion in the midget 100- and 200-metre sprints.

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Winner. Leya Buchanan of the Mississauga Olympians Track and Field Club won three medals at the Legion Canadian Youth Nationals Championships in Ottawa last week. *Supplied photo*

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Young volunteers honoured

Iain Colpitts
July 10, 2011

Several Mississauga students were honoured for their volunteer efforts yesterday afternoon during the Mississauga Youth Achievement Awards at Central Library.

The awards, presented by the Mississauga Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC), were given to citizens between the ages of 14 and 24 who displayed outstanding effort and dedication to youth organizations.

"The impact that they've created in the community is definitely a proud achievement," said MYAC chairperson Barbara Tabuno "They are very much connected and aware of the issues in the community. Without you guys, our city wouldn't be as great as it is."

Anamika Choudhary, Jaxson Khan and Tiffany Matheson were named this year's Mississauga Young Citizens of the Year while Estelle Ah-Kiow won the Hazel McCallion Youth Leadership Award.

Jennifer D'Cruz and George Kelyny were this year's winners of the Mississauga Library Jim Wilde Young Volunteer of the Year Award.

Volunteering Peel awards were given to Brian Truong (Founder's Award), Sarah Aguiar (Most Dedicated), Arshiya Osmani, Tara Tofghi and Jordan Wong (Best Executives of the Year) and Zahra Dossa, Peter Truong and Andrew Vuong (Most Enthusiastic).

Finally, MYAC Community Citizenship Certificates were presented to Ernest Chan, Claire Kim, Rochelle Menezes, Margarita Quijano, Anisha Sankar, Grace Yang, Danyal Khan, Zeeshan Mahmood, Priya Murali, Ather Qureshi and Ashley Tam.

MYAC was founded by McCallion in 1982 and has since evolved into a dynamic group of dedicated youth who raise awareness about key youth issues and volunteer and organize community events and projects.
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Award winners. The Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee handed out their youth achievement awards on Saturday afternoon. Seen here before the program are, from left, Barbara Tabuno, current Chair, Nasreen Mody, in-coming Chair and some of the other committee members including Ernest Chan, Danyal Khan, Grace Yang, Priya Murali, Ather Qureshi, Claire Kim, Zeeshan Mahmood and Ramisha Basharat. *Staff photo by Rob Beintema*

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Youths recognized for their volunteer efforts

Julia Le
July 2, 2010

Several students from the Peel Alternative School (PAS) - West have been recognized for helping revitalize a community park in Mississauga.

They were presented with certificates at their graduation ceremony on Tuesday for their participation in ChangeTheWorld — Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge.

The province-wide initiative was held during National Volunteer Week in April. Volunteer opportunities in Peel, which included planting trees, cleaning up community parks, trails and recreation facilities, and helping at long-term care homes, were organized by Volunteer Mississauga Brampton Caledon (MBC). It hosted 48 events across Peel and presented recognition certificates to participants.

Students at PAS - West took part in the challenge by helping paint murals, plant gardens and clear pathways from overgrown bushes and trees at Gordon S. Shipp Memorial Park, on Robert Speck Pkwy. They also painted railings on bridges and walkways in an area that's often vandalized.

"This volunteer experience afforded the PAS - West students not only an opportunity to improve and enhance their community, but to realize that a small effort can go a long way," said Laura Pickering, a youth worker at the school, which offers programs for students who require a non-traditional approach to learning with varied program delivery options.

Volunteer MBC executive director Carine Strong added it was great to see the artistic abilities of the students and how they were able to flourish under the direction of mentor artists, mostly seniors.

"It is important for our volunteer centre to be able to find opportunities for volunteers of all ages, but to also be able to have them work together so that the younger generation can learn from the older generation," Strong said. "It is a perfect example of being able to close the generational gap that often exists in our communities



Change the World. Peel Alternative School – West students and mentoring artists helped revitalize an overpass at Gordon S. Shipp Memorial Park. It was part of ChangeTheWorld — Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge, held during National Volunteer Week. *Photo supplied*



Student earns \$200,000 scholarship

Julia Le

June 10, 2010

Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School student Max Seunik says there are many opportunities in the world — you just have to reach out and grasp them.

Seunik, who recently accepted a scholarship worth \$200,000 to University of North Carolina's (UNC) Morehead-Cain Scholar Program, told *The News* he's tried to grasp everything possible the past few years.

The Grade 12 student is president of his school's student council, executive director of Peel Student Presidents' Council, a World Vision Youth Ambassador and a volunteer with the Arthritis Society of Canada and the Village of Islington Business Improvement Association. He was also part of the junior development program at the University of Toronto Track and Field Club from 2006-2009 and achieved a first-degree black belt in tae kwon do.

"That's what has defined my high school career — always looking for new opportunities," said Seunik, 18, one of three Canadians selected to receive the scholarship. He was interviewed over two days a few months ago in Toronto by university officials.

Seunik will attend UNC come September for four years because he believes he can't pass up the opportunities that will be available to him. He's excited about taking part in the school's summer enrichment program, which gives students hands-on experience in outdoor leadership, public service, international research and private enterprise.

Through the scholar program, he'll also be challenged to make a difference in the world by growing and developing as a leader through a wide variety of academic, social and service organizations.

Seunik says the program doesn't steer students toward a specific degree, but rather allows them to explore options.

He adds that while he's nervous about the new venture, it's a relief to know his scholarship covers full tuition, normal expenses including student fees, housing, meals, books, supplies and travel, a laptop and a spot in the summer enrichment program.

"I feel incredibly honoured," said Seunik, who heard about UNC and its scholarship through his school guidance counsellor. "It's such a nice thing to see your dreams materialize. It's awesome — the highlight of my life." He attributes much of his success to his drive and the support of his parents, especially his father, who he says, "pushed me to apply and has always pushed me to be all I can be."

Seunik turned down other offers in liberal arts and business programs from prestigious schools including Harvard and Duke in the United States and Queens and University of Western Ontario on this side of the border. He says it was a tough choice, but he believes he made the right one.

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Max Seunik. Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School student Max Seunik recently accepted a scholarship worth \$200,000 to University of North Carolina's Morehead-Cain Scholar Program. *Supplied*

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Golden girl!

John Stewart
August 19, 2011

Mississauga's Gloria Liang is coming home from Laval, Quebec with a pair of gold medals from the Rogers Under-16 Junior National Championships.

Liang, who plays tennis out of the Ontario Racquet Club (ORC) in Clarkson, defeated Aissa Muamba (Quebec) in straight sets (6-1, 6-1) today to win the girls' singles title.

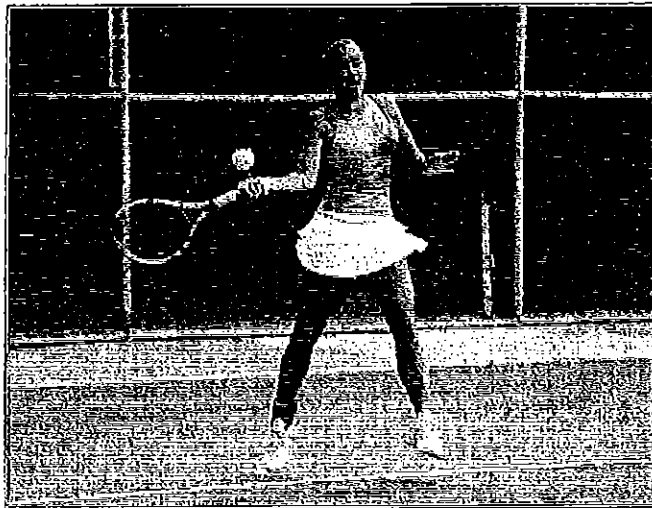
Liang was the tournament's No. 1 seed, while Muamba was ranked second.

Yesterday, Liang partnered with Oakville's Joulla Likhanskala to win the girls' doubles title with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Muamba and Niagara's Charlotte Petrick.

Last week at the ORC, Liang held her own against the top university-bound tennis players in the country, making it to the semi-finals at the national under-18 championships.

She and Petrick made the final in doubles play at that tournament.

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Golden girl. Mississauga's Gloria Liang is coming home from Laval, Quebec with a pair of gold medals from the Rogers Under-16 Junior National Championships. Staff photo by Fred Look

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Warriors are OVFL champs

Iain Colpitts
August 21, 2011

Winning a championship requires hard work, dedication and team unity. The Mississauga Warriors displayed all those traits in yesterday's Ontario Varsity Football League Junior Varsity championship game and defeated the previously unbeaten Ottawa Myers Riders 21-7 at the Rogers Centre in Toronto. Coach Chris Hobbs said his team takes a "workmanlike approach" into every game and that was the key to victory. "We came into this game just like any other game," Hobbs said. "Our guys are loose, they're a bunch of characters and nothing phases them. Whether it's the first game of the season or the last, they play with the same mentality."

The Riders came into the game with a perfect 10-0 record. All but one of their games were won by a margin of 14 points or higher. Meanwhile, the Warriors entered with a 10-1 mark. Their only loss was by one point against the Hamilton Ironmen in June.

Mississauga used a balanced offensive attack and a stingy defensive game to get the win. Receiver Trea Ivey caught a 10-yard touchdown pass and was named the game's most valuable player. He was proud to help carry Mississauga to its first JV title since 2008. "I feel so great right now," said Ivey, who led the Warriors in receiving yards with 614 and touchdowns with nine.

"We've been working toward this goal for a really long time. We came in as the underdogs, obviously, but we came together and fought through it."

The Warriors marched up the field on the first possession of the game and quarterback Nate Hobbs capped it off with a five-yard touchdown pass to Joshua Perez.

Ottawa made it to the 15-yard line on its first drive, which ended with a failed field goal attempt. Ivey ran 70 yards on the kick return and Gabriel Ferraro kicked a 32-yard field goal to give Mississauga a 10-point cushion. The Warriors added eight more points on the board before halftime. Ivey caught a touchdown pass midway through the second quarter and Ferraro added a rouge. From there, the defence took over.

"(Ottawa) is a high scoring team so we knew they would always be in the game, even when we were up," Coach Hobbs said. "We were nervous all the way until the end, but our defence came through, held them to seven points and they were a big part of the win."

The Warriors forced two turnovers in the game. Defensive lineman Gurjant Singh recovered a fumble and linebacker Brendan Kutlesa intercepted a pass. The defence's only blemish was a touchdown pass from Michael Arruda to Nick Krzanlak in the fourth quarter.

Ferraro converted his second field goal with three minutes remaining to put the game out of reach.

"This is a very talented team," Coach Hobbs said. "A lot of these guys started with the Warriors in 2008 and this is the culmination of our youth program."

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We are the champions. The Mississauga Warriors pose for a team photo with the Ontario Varsity Football League Junior Varsity championship trophy after yesterday afternoon's 21-7 victory over the Ottawa Myers Riders at the Rogers Centre. Photo by Iain Colpitts
Staff photo by Iain Colpitts



Cricket phenom excels

Joseph ChIn
August 25, 2011

A Mississauga teen is leading the way for Cricket Canada.

Abraash Khan was named Man of the Match in Canada's second game at the International Cricket Council (ICC) U15 America's North Division 1 tournament, being held this week in Winnipeg.

Batting fourth, the 13-year-old all-rounder – the youngest member of the team – smashed a game-high 77 runs off 69 balls as Canada rolled over Bermuda 207-107 on Tuesday. He also contributed with the ball, capturing a key wicket during the visitors' turn at bat.

It was Canada's first victory in the tri-nation tourney following its loss to the United States (U.S.) in the opener on Monday.

Being named Man of the Match is icing on the cake for Khan, says his mom, Syeda, who along with her husband and younger son, Abaan, were in the stands for the game.

"He was already excited to be representing Canada for the first time, so this honour was an extra thrill," she said.

Syeda says her son's heroics reminded her of a remark made by an Immigration officer when the family, with then one-year-old Abraash in tow, landed in Canada in 2000.

"He noticed we were coming in from Pakistan, looked at us and said he hopes we'll help to bring cricket to Canada," she recalled. "At the time, I only smiled and thought nothing much of it."

Little did she know her son would go on to excel in his native land's favourite sport.

Just three years ago, the Hazel McCallion Public School student was introduced to cricket at Mississauga-based Ontario Cricket Academy. Under coach Derek Perera, who represented Canada at the senior level, Khan was soon captain of the club's U15 squad. As well, he's often called up to play in U19 action.

Canada plays Bermuda again today in what has become a three-horse race following the Caribbean nation's upset of the U.S. yesterday. Canada needs a win to solidify its championship hopes.

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A star is born. Mississauga's Abraash Khan was named Man of the Match in an international game against Bermuda in Winnipeg on Tuesday. He's seen here enroute to a knock of 77. Photo by Asad Rauf



On top of the world

Iain Colpitts

August 26, 2011

Four Mississauga amateur boxers came home from Kansas City as world champions last week.

Zsolt Daranyi of Clancy's Boxing Academy and All Canadian Martial Arts fighters Amanda Galle, Michael Kovacs and Yanni Tome all won championship belts at the Ringside World Boxing Championships that were held last Saturday.

Meanwhile, Kyle Goodwin of ACMA was a runner-up.

More than 250 amateurs, including several national champions from around the world, competed at the week-long event.

Daranyi, 16, said he's aspired to go to Ringside for the past five years. And when he finally got that opportunity, he made the most of it by defeating Gabriel Garza of New Jersey to win the open boys' 145-pound title.

But Daranyi wasn't satisfied with just winning alone.

"My goal wasn't just to win," said Daranyi, who boasts an amateur record of 40-3. "My goal was to leave my name there so people would talk about me and I think I did a pretty good job with that."

Daranyi, who was also invited to train with the Canadian national team in Germany next month, credited his trainer, former Olympian Chris Johnson, for a lot of his success.

Daranyi said a lot of champions walked around the tournament wearing their belts, but he put his away until he arrived home. He feels there is much more to accomplish.

"I felt like for the kids who (carried their belts around), it was huge for them, like it was the biggest thing they would ever accomplish," he said.

"For me, I was real happy I won, but I didn't want to show off because there will be bigger things in my life I can show off in the future."

Galle, who defeated Martine Vallieres-Bisson of Quebec to win the open women's 125-pound belt, said her win was especially sweet since she recently came off a two-year suspension.

"All the training and hard work I've put in has really paid off," said Galle, a former provincial and national champion in 2009. "I could have quit but I didn't."

The 22-year-old now has her sights set on earning a spot on the 2012 Olympic team and she feels she made progress towards that goal in Kansas City.

"It's a real stepping stone because I gained some exposure and fought two international level fighters," she said. "I need that kind of experience to qualify for the Olympics so it was meaningful to my career."

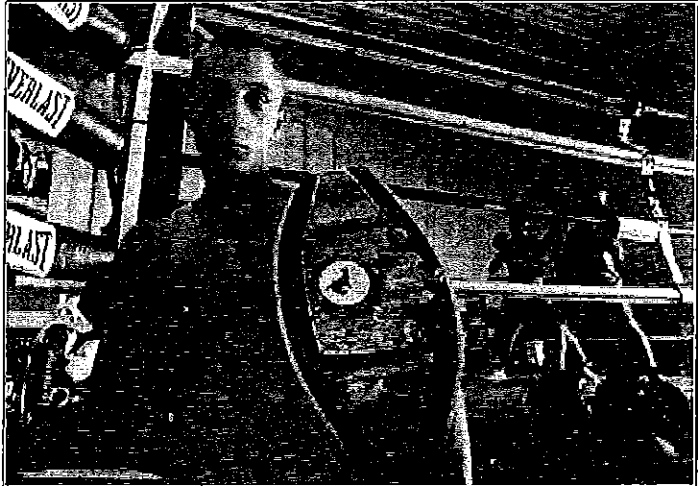
Kovacs, 25, defeated Welland's Angelo Maddalena in the novice men's 165-pound final. He said being joined by his club mates on his journey to gold made it special.

"It was an incredible experience," he said. "It's better than having just one of us go down and win it. It wouldn't have mattered if we won or lost, it was just very cool to travel with all these people travel who had the same idea and be able to laugh and cheer for each other."

Meanwhile, Tome, 30, a former Golden Gloves champion in 2009, was thrilled for another reason after he defeated Missouri's Eddy Guillen to claim the novice men's 201-pound crown.

"I finally made the (ACMA) Wall of Champions," he said with laughter, referring to a collection of pictures of ACMA members with trophies or medals. "I always wanted to be on the Wall of Champions and now I'm there. That pretty much says it all."

Goodwin, a 22-year-old who has only been training at ACMA for eight months, lost his novice men's 178-pound championship bout to Daylan Jackson of Texas, but his club mates and coach Vito Brancaccio claim the judges robbed him of victory.



Zsolt Daranyi. Zsolt Daranyi from Clancy's Boxing Academy is pictured here with the world championship belt he won at the Ringside World Championships in Kansas City. Staff photo by Rob Beintema

Hurricanes win national title



Champs. The Mississauga Southwest Hurricanes won gold at the Canadian Fast Pitch Jamboree in Vaughan. They defeated the Guelph Gators 7-2 in Sunday's championship. *Supplied photo*
Iain Colpitts

August 23, 2011

Coach Wayne Gray-Baker believes there's nothing wrong with going into a tournament as an underdog. That label put his Mississauga Southwest Hurricanes under-14 girls' softball team in a position to succeed at the Canadian Fast Pitch Jamboree, held last Wednesday through Sunday in Vaughan.

And succeed it did. Mississauga defeated the provincial champion Guelph Gators 7-2 in Sunday's championship game.

Gray-Baker said watching his squad celebrate was surreal.

"I actually came to tears for the girls," he said. "We came out against Guelph and made a very serious statement, scoring five runs in the first inning. As much as they may have doubted us, (the Hurricanes) were the best team in the country and they played like it."

The Hurricanes, the last of three Ontario teams to qualify for the national championships (they did so by winning bronze at the Provincial Grand Championships in Guelph), made it through the round-robin in Vaughan with a 4-2 record. They were seeded fourth in the nine-team tournament.

In the quarter-finals, they knocked off the top-seeded Delta Heat (British Columbia) 3-2 before disposing of the White Rock Renegades (B.C.) 7-1 in the semi-finals.

Gray-Baker said his team put in a lot of effort over the year and deserved to win.

"We hit a little bump in the road and things didn't work out the way we wanted them to at the grand championships," he said. "We snuck in to qualify, so with the expectations people had on us, we were underdogs going in."

"The girls knew what their capabilities are and if they go out and play their game, they can compete and play against the best in the country and be successful."

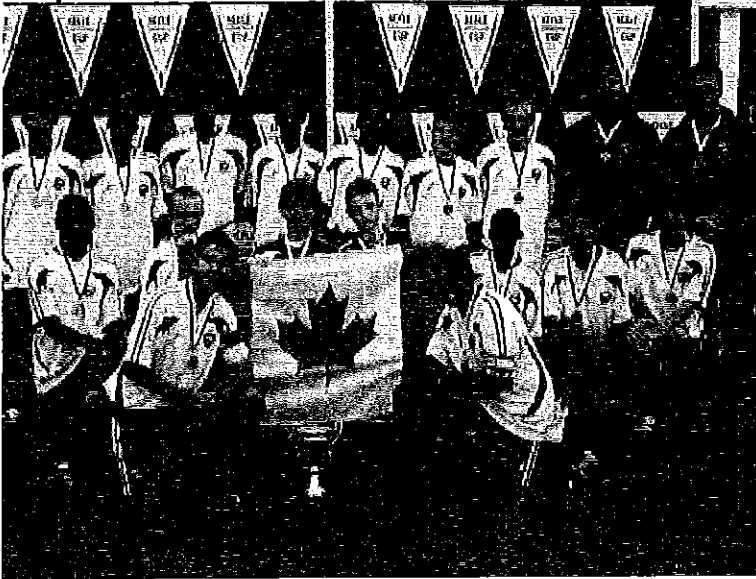
Members of the team are MacKenzie Philpott, Rachel Bridges, Alana Cress, Alex

Jackson, Elise Cassar, Samantha Hartley, Tiffany Snell, Taylor Kangas, Alicia Pelizzoni, Anne Lewicki, Quinn DeVoe, Torriya Gray-Baker, Sarah Lagler-Clark, Charly Keracher, Alex Nawrot, Amanada Nadeau and co-coach Dave Clark.

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Impressive results for soccer teams



Red, white and gold. The North Mississauga Panthers boys' under-14 team won the pro youth division of the Keele Cup soccer tournament in England. *Supplied photo* Iain Colpitts

August 4, 2011

The North Mississauga Panthers boys' under-14 team shocked several United Kingdom (U.K.) soccer clubs by winning the Keele Cup in England last Saturday.

The Panthers defeated Ulster Schools (Northern Ireland) 2-1 via penalty kicks to win the championship.

Head coach Alan Millar said his team showed great character against seven professional academy clubs in the tournament.

"We went into every game understanding the team concept and knowing that in order to win, everybody had to do their part," he said. "The purpose of the trip was to try to bring the boys together and make them a stronger team and the boys really embraced that idea."

The Panthers defeated fellow Canadian squad Power Academy 6-0 in the tourney semi-finals.

In the group stage, the Mississauga club edged Accrington Stanley 2-1, blanked Wolverhampton Schools 2-0, shut out Notts County 3-0 and dumped Dungannon Witfs by the same score while tying the Kidderminster Harriers 1-1.

Off the field, the team took a tour of Old Trafford Stadium, home of



Canoers win dragonboat title



Over the top. A neophyte team from the Mississauga Canoe Club won the junior mixed division 2k race at the ICF Dragonboat Club Crew World Championship yesterday in Toronto. *Supplied photo*
John Schmied

July 25, 2011

Skill and determination won out over experience as a neophyte team from the Mississauga Canoe Club (MCC) won the junior mixed division 2k race at the ICF Dragonboat Club Crew World Championship in Toronto on Sunday. The four-day event drew 40 teams from seven countries in various categories, including 200- and 500-metre races.

Although the storied Mississauga Canoe Club, located at the mouth of the Credit River, does not have a junior dragonboat program, a team of under-19-year-olds was put together less than two weeks ago.

"Our athletes' flat-water training came out ahead of much more experienced teams," said Chris Abbott, coach and coxswain of the Mississauga crew. "We only practiced twice in a dragonboat, but their conditioning and determination paid off in what is a really, really tough event."

The 20 MCC athletes, who ranged in age from 15 to 18, beat four other crews in the 2k event, which involved three high-speed turns on the 500-metre course at Marilyn Bell Park.

They won the race against a strong headwind on two of the four legs in a time of 9:21:09. The National Dragonboat Club Fairport A crew came in second at 9:24:61 and TOBA (Manitoba) finished third at 9:39:22.

The crew, which consisted of both canoers and kayakers, was paced by



East meets west in concert



East meets West. Michael Ciufu (left) and Manting Chan performed today during a press conference at the Living Arts Centre to promote their free concert on Friday at Celebration Square. They were accompanied by Phoebus Chan on piano. *Staff photo by Fred Loek*
Joseph Chin

August 3, 2011

Two young performers, each endowed with a unique talent and having achieved their fame as soloists a world away from each other, are coming together for an open-air concert on Friday night at Celebration Square.

Manting Chan, a soprano from Hong Kong, and Michael Ciufu, Mississauga's own tenor, share the bill in Manting Chan & Michael Ciufu In Concert, part of the Live On Stage summer series.

They'll take the main stage at 5 p.m. for the two-and-a-half-hour concert, produced by Makvision Inc. in association with the Mississauga Board of Chinese Professionals and Businesses.

Chan and Ciufu are thrilled to be working together.

"Manting possesses such a beautiful, delicate voice – she's a joy to listen to," said Ciufu at a press conference today at the Living Arts Centre to promote the event.

"I've had the privilege to perform in a show with Michael before, and he's so versatile," said Chan, who received her training in classical/opera music in

New York City before returning to Hong Kong two years ago to pursue her musical career.

Earlier this year, she embarked on a cross-Canada concert tour, making a stop in Mississauga to help ring in Chinese New Year at Square One Shopping Centre.

"Of all the cities I've visited in Canada, Mississauga is especially friendly," said Chan. "The people are nice and (City Centre) is very artsy."

At Wednesday's press conference, Chan and Ciufu gave a preview of Friday's concert by performing a duet of Celine Dion's *The Prayer*.

Chan recently released her maiden EP, *Musical Journey*, which contains three singles: *Good To Be A Girl*, *A Boy* and *Our Time Is Now*.

Ciufu is about to release his latest album, *Momento*, selections from which he'll perform at the concert. It will be released in October.

The Live On Stage series continues with crooner Matt Dusk (Aug. 12), indie pop rock bands Abandon All Ships and San Sebastian (Aug. 19), Juno Award-nominated folk singer/songwriter Basia Bulat (Aug. 26) and electric indie-rock band Born Ruffians (Sept. 2).

Admission is free.


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On the run — About 200 Peel Regional Police officers took to the streets Wednesday during the 24th annual Catherine Heaney Memorial Torch Run for Special Olympics in Peel. Participants set out from both the 12th Division headquarters on Dixie Rd. and the 21 Division headquarters beside the Bramalea City Centre to run or walk to the Emil Kolb Centre for Police Excellence on Derry Rd. E. at Hurontario St.
Staff photo by Fred Loek

City workers recognized

By JULIA LE
Staff

Their quick response and calm and effective teamwork in saving a life has earned three Mississauga Valley Community Centre life-

Obituary

'Angel' Emma inspired others

By JULIA LE
Staff

Emma Bartolomucci was everyone's little angel. The 8-year-old was a symbol of courage, strength and perseverance to all those who knew her.

"She was an incredible person with an incredible spirit," said Emma's mother Mary Bartolomucci. "She was so giving and so loving as she faced so many challenges."

Emma's family and friends are mourning their loss after Emma died June 4 of a rare, inoperable form of brain cancer called Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (a tumour in the middle of the brain stem). She had battled the disease for 16 months.

At her funeral mass on June 9, family and friends who packed into St. Patrick Church wore pink — Emma's favourite colour — as they gathered to remember a little girl who was wise beyond her years. The students at St. Basil Elementary School, where Emma attended Grade 3, sang a song in tribute to her.

Bianca Genova, the older sister of Emma's friend Ainsley, said the turnout was a true testament to the lives she had touched.

Mary Bartolomucci said her daughter fought the cancer valiantly, with laughter, courage and dignity. She displayed grace and humour as she endured tests, scans, radiation, MRIs and blood work at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto.

Despite all the obstacles she faced, Mary said Emma continued to love life, inspiring those around her to do the same.

Mary said her daughter will be greatly missed. She's thankful for the support and love the community has given to her family.

guards high praise from Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services.

In a celebration at Station 101 in Cooksville, firefighters honoured Katie Langstaff, Sara Kissick and Andrew Mintz by presenting them with a certificate of recognition.

The lifeguards applied life-saving defibrillation last April 4 after a man collapsed on the squash court at Mississauga Valley Community Centre. He had no vital signs when they had arrived.

Deputy Chief Kevin Duffy said the City employees showed remarkable skill in reviving a patient before emergency crews arrived on the scene.



Kevin
Duffy

"For any medical call, where there's difficulty breathing that leads to vital signs absent, where the heart isn't working for the patient, (the person) has about a 10 minute window before they're in serious jeopardy of their life," he said, adding that Langstaff, Kissick and Mintz did everything right in using an on-site portable defibrillator. The equipment is available at most municipal and government buildings.

Langstaff, 26, said she's honoured to receive the recognition, but more thrilled about the "successful outcome of the rescue."

"He was a husband and he was a father," she said. "I lost someone who was really close to me about a year and a half ago and to know that his family didn't have to experience the same pain that I went through was just fulfillment enough."

Recalling the day they all rushed to the man's aid, Kissick, 25, said she couldn't believe it was happening.

After going through training and practicing on dummies for nine years, she said it was surreal to put her life-saving skills to the test.

"At the point when we had done the medical assessment and we had shocked him and continued to do CPR, when I saw his face change colour I just knew circulation was returning," said Kissick, who recently became a paramedic. "Just being able to get the pulse back before fire and EMS arrived it was just a really big honour, something that a lot of medical personnel never get to experience, so that was a pretty big deal for us."

Mintz, 25, adds that in his eight years of experience, he's never had to respond to a situation of "this kind of magnitude" and he's happy he was able to do what he was trained to do.

Bands rock the Square



Live ON Stage-The Paint Movement. Live ON Stage, the free summer concert series, featured Born Ruffians at Celebration Square Friday evening. Mississauga's own indie rock band The Paint Movement (pictured here) opened the show. Staff photo by Rob Beintema *Rob Beintema*
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Mississauga's The Paint Movement kicked off a night of entertainment at Celebration Square.

The group of four friends (Kevin Krallk, Jason Haberman, Jason Loftman and Glenn Candy) who got together and began writing music collectively in 2007, kicked off the indie rock concert last night opening for Born Ruffians.

The local content was much-appreciated by a young crowd who packed the grounds of Celebration Square.

Born Ruffians were equally welcomed. The Toronto-based band, fresh off a 12-day tour of Europe, consists of Mitch Derosier (bass), Luke Lalonde (guitar/vocals) and Steven Hamelin (drums). Recently, the band recruited Andy Lloyd (guitar/keyboard) to help out at live shows. Formed in Midland in 2004, they were formerly known as Mornington Drive.

The band released its self-titled debut EP in 2006, followed by another EP (Plinky Plonk) in 2010. Studio albums are Red, Yellow & Blue (2008) and Say It (2010), recorded at Mississauga's Metalworks Studios. Red, Yellow & Blue was nominated in the 8th Annual

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Nine athletes head to Pan Am Games

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Tennis phenom Anqi Luo is among nine Mississauga athletes named on Tuesday by the Canadian Olympic Committee to the 2011 Pan Am Games.

The competition, which will feature the top North, Central and South American athletes in 39 sports, will be staged Oct. 14-30 in Guadalajara, Mexico. It's the largest multi-sport event of the year, hosting some 6,000 athletes from 42 countries. Canada is sending 493 athletes as the second-largest contingent.

Locals joining Luo on the squad are Jahmal Jones (men's basketball), Diamond Simpson (women's soccer), Tariq Dowers (men's artistic gymnastics), Katrina Cameron (women's rhythmic gymnastics), Morgane Echardour (women's speed roller sports), Mark Laidlaw (men's rowing), Daniel Borg (men's sailing) and Sarah Phillips (women's softball).

At barely 15 years old, Luo will be Canada's youngest athlete at the Games.

For the Streetsville Secondary School student, it's her golden opportunity to realize every athlete's dream – to compete in the Olympics. The Pan Am Games give direct entry to next year's Summer Olympics in London.

Luo, who trains out of the Canadian Elite Table Tennis Training Centre on Matheson Blvd., currently holds the highest world ranking of any Canadian junior girl; she's ranked 12th in the U15 category. That's up from 88th a year ago, thanks to impressive showings at numerous international competitions. They include winning bronze at this year's ITTF Spanish Junior/Cadet Open (U15 girls' singles), silver in last year's World Junior Circuit (U18 girls' team) and bronze in the 2010 Pan Am Cadet Championships (U15 girls' singles).

Luo made her debut on Canada's national team that went to the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, India, last year. She lost in the round of 16 in the mixed doubles category.

Jones, a Mississauga Secondary School product, first represented Canada at this summer's FISU Summer Universiade, held in Shenzhen, China. As a rookie with Ryerson Rams last year, the point guard was selected to both the Canadian Interuniversity Sport and Ontario University Athletics all-rookie teams.

Simpson, a midfielder from Dixie Soccer Club, represented Canada at the U17 Women's World Cup this past summer in Trinidad & Tobago. Canada finished third in its group and failed to advance.

Dowers, who trains out of Gymnastics Mississauga, is a pommel horse specialist. He was seventh overall at this year's Canadian Championships. At the New Delhi Commonwealth Games, he was the top Canadian in the field of 50 competitors, leading the national team to a bronze medal.

Cameron, 16, was part of a five-member national senior team that placed 13th overall in March at the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup in Italy.

Echardour scored a triple victory at this season's Eastern Seaboard Series. She won the Pro Women's 15km race and 1km time trial. She was also the top female finisher in the 5km race.

Laidlaw, who competes out of Toronto's Hanlan Boat Club, is a men's eight specialist. His team placed fourth at the 2010 World Cup in Lucerne, Switzerland, down two spots from the previous year.

Borg punched his ticket to Mexico with his performance at the North American Championships,