

## **The Rotary Club of North Bay – Great Student Awards – 2014 Recipients**



### **Sarah Loveridge – Widdifield Secondary School**

As a student, Sarah participated in our peer tutoring program. When working with “at risk” students in our Student Success Centre she exercised patience and confidence as she endeavoured to bring out the best in every client. Her friendly disposition and eagerness to help motivated those with whom she worked. No matter the challenge, Sarah persevered. She was awarded a certificate of merit to acknowledge her contribution to this program.

Sarah’s true passion is her involvement in Free the Children, a youth helping youth organization founded by Craig Kielberger. She has participated in Take Action workshops which focused on student leadership, social justice and global citizenship. Last year she was part of a dynamic group of kids who worked tirelessly organizing activities to raise money for Agriculture and Food Security for Rural China (which met its \$5000 goal in June). She helped organize the 30 hour famine which raised hundreds of dollars for World Vision. This year she has taken on the added responsibility of co-leading Widdifield’s Free the Children group. In this capacity she organized a very impressive Movember fundraiser – raising over \$1000 for prostate cancer research.

Volunteerism and peer helping is a pillar upon which Sarah is building her secondary school career. Her genuine willingness to help, her empathy and her commitment will certainly be an asset to the field of social work.

### **Heather Jennings – École secondaire publique Odysée (Not able to attend)**

Heather is a grade 12 honour student with a marked work ethic. Heather is very attentive to details and is perseverant in her assignments and everything she undertakes, always trying to better herself.

Heather is the kind-hearted and is also first to often help others at the school level, adding to her volunteer hours with the 30-hour famine and food drives or assisting other students in their courses.

Heather demonstrates her “Service Above Self” qualities in the community and her workplace. She was named “Employee of the Year” at The Empire Living Centre, not only for her teamwork but mostly for the special relationship that she has developed with the residents. At all times, Heather shows great care and compassion.

Heather is always smiling. Her demeanour and positive attitude proves that she is an outstanding example of what students can accomplish unselfishly when they volunteer. She has done this while maintaining her academic standards and career goals and is a model for other students.



**Jamie Lee Lennips – West Ferris Secondary School**

She has been able to maintain her honour's student status whether in our challenging STWireless program or competing in the Regional Science Fair, or part of our Senior Band (who are travelling to Boston in the spring).

Jamie Lee is a pleasant student with an infectious zest for life that she passes along to any who work with her. She has unselfishly given over 100 hours above and beyond the required volunteer hours. She has supervised and implemented age appropriate activities with young children, helped organize and run many fund raising activities that benefit children of Military families, and includes teen focused events at the Teen Centre, Easter Egg Hunts, Halloween activities, crafts at the Military base's Fun Factory Fashion Shows and BBQ fundraisers. She has been part of the program to acquaint new Base members and their families to North Bay as well as assisting with the Youth Program run through a local church in Powassan.

Jamie has always concerned herself with helping others. Jamie has been an active participant and organizer of activities for 5 to 8 year olds at the North Bay Military Family Resource Centre. As, Jamie passionately points out, these activities, whether for 5 to 8 year olds or older teens, helps benefit military families who may have a parent stationed outside of the country. Jamie's varied experiences, whether as a cadet, Band member, youth organizer, or fund raiser have all helped to shape Jamie into this wonderful young lady we at West Ferris our proud to have as our student.



**Brigette Dunphy – Chippewa Secondary School**

She has accumulated over 271 volunteer hours. Brigette has volunteered in numerous events including fundraising for Chippewa, helping out with a local church, and the YMCA, and volunteering in a camp as a leader to our youth. Brigette has a wonderful disposition and a warm smile. She is liked by all of her peers and is a good inspiration to our grade 7 and 8.



**Jake Sullivan – ST. Joseph Scollard Hall**

Jake has been instrumental in helping one of our students with special needs to integrate and transition to a successful completion of high school. He has taken this student, who was having difficulties with his peer group, on as a mentor and has continued to help this student even after the initial lunch time initiative was completed. He has gone above and beyond in helping this young man and the parents of the special needs student have nothing but high praise for the work that Jacob has done in helping their child reach their potential.



**Justin Giguère – École secondaire catholique Algonquin**

Justin is an engaged Grade 11 student and citizen of this community.

At the school level, he is a founding member of our new Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). This year, he has expanded his role as a leader for the grade 7-8 Jr. YAC Club and completed the certification in Safetalk, a suicide awareness program. Justin has also been part of the yearbook committee since grade 9. Last year, Justin also participated in a missionary project with his community. They fundraised and organised a humanitarian trip to Jamaica where they helped build houses for the less fortunate in Kingston, Jamaica.

Justin also participated in various fundraising activities such as 50-50 draws for the Temiscaming Titans, bottle drives, Community Cup, coat checks on various occasions to collect funds for their humanitarian project. Justin understands the need for people to give of themselves in order to make this a better place. He is the kind of student that answers the call whenever he is asked, assisting with the grade 7-8 dances, parent-teacher nights to name but a few. He helps students and teachers alike.

Justin is also very involved with his community. He has helped with the Family Day Ski-Doo runs, Summer in the Park Festival, the Halloween Haunted House in Temiscaming as well as worked the canteen for the youth center.

Justin has accumulated an impressive 309 hours of community service. He continues to give to his fellow colleagues and to his community. This honour student is a strong individual who embodies the values of a person who serves others selflessly.