



## **GREAT STUDENT AWARDS 2020**

### **Idunnuayo Alabi – St. Joseph Scollard Hall Secondary**

Over her time at St. Joseph Scollard Hall, Idunnuayo has demonstrated what it is to be part of our community. She participates in many extra-curricular activities and is always working to be the best person she can be. Whether it is in the classroom, on the courts, or in Chapel, Idunnuayo works hard at making sure that everyone around her feels welcome and included in the activity. As a member of the Student Council, she always volunteers for community events and helps organize fun activities that are inclusive of all students. In class she is often seen helping her peers to understand the material taught.

### **Janessa Trahan – Widdifield Secondary**

Janessa worked in the Widdifield garden for four years, moving soil, planting vegetables and flowers, harvesting crops, and recruiting other volunteers. She worked alongside newer, younger volunteers, assigned tasks, and ensured a high level of productivity – not an easy task with some of the younger boys, especially when one of them was her own younger brother!

Janessa also worked at Camp Aush Bik Koong as a counselor for younger children over four consecutive summers.

She worked for three years, from September to November, at the "Can-Do theatre", with children having physical and mental challenges, helping these students prepare a play production.

For nearly two years, she worked with young children, ages 3 through 6, once per week at the Bethel Gospel Chapel's "Awana" program. She used her creative skills in helping with bible studies and putting together puppet shows.

Since the age of nine, Janessa has volunteered whenever possible at EW Norman Public School in the Junior and Senior Kindergarten classrooms, helping kids learn, grow, and get along.

A number of times, she has volunteered to help serve and make meals at First Baptist Church for community members who attended bible study classes.

She has canvassed for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, as well as for the Terry Fox campaign, over a period of many years. She was the top collector at Fricker Public School, then, in her grade nine year, she was the top collector for Widdifield as well

Janessa has assisted during hymn sings at the Barclay House and also volunteered at homes for the elderly when she visited extended family in Waubaushene.

In addition to all the foregoing, Janessa has worked as a volunteer at the waterfront , helped design and construct a float for the Santa Claus parade, assisted construction of spooky exhibits for the Halloween Haunted House at the local fire hall, helped out at the GoodLife Jump daycare program, and provided assistance with various programs at One Kids Place and the We Wildcat program.

### **Gail Pinkerton – West Ferris Secondary**

Gail is an excellent grade 11 student, but more importantly, she is a caring, kind, thoughtful young woman. She is caring of her peers and tries to be inclusive of everyone. Among other things, Gail is an "i-Coach" as part of the STEAM program at West Ferris, where she assists students in the classroom setting. She is careful to work with students of varying needs. As a member of the Yearbook Committee, she is mindful of ensuring that all students are represented. Additionally, she has accrued over 200 hours of community service.

### **Kaylee Duchesne – ESC Algonquin Secondary**

Kaylee Duchesne is a grade 10 student and is consistently one of the top students in all aspects. She is greatly involved in her community and is an extremely giving person. Some of the activities that Kaylee has helped organize with great enthusiasm and leadership surround the Scouts Canada organization, where she is a role model to young Scout members. She helps organize activities such as nature hikes, weekend and summer camps, and special activities such as Motor Madness where she helps young members build, paint and race model cars. She is also actively involved in fundraising for the organization. Kaylee also participates in other activities in her community. One of Kaylee's great gifts is her willingness to help others. She has given of her time for the fall food drive benefitting our local food bank, the Big Brothers' and Big Sisters' Mall gift wrapping event at Christmas time, and the Bonfield church picnic.

Kaylee has already accumulated an impressive amount of community service hours. She has submitted a total of 488 hours to date and she continues to give to her community. Kaylee understands the need for people to give of themselves to make this a better place. She is the kind of student that answers the call whenever she is

asked. She is a strong individual who embodies the values of a person who serves others selflessly.

### **Kaylyn Robichaud – Chippewa Secondary**

Kaylyn is a grade 11 student and has completed over 249 hours of community service. Through her years at Chippewa, she has volunteered within her school community, and has done most of her volunteering with the Phelps Volunteer Fire Department. She has also worked with the Tim Bits hockey league helping coach young hockey players on the ice. Kaylyn is an avid hockey player as well and enjoys coaching younger hockey players who enjoy the sport. Chippewa is very proud of Kaylyn for her involvement in sports, her academic achievements, and her positive and compassionate attitude that she brings to the community and in her classes.

### **Kelsey Simon – Odysee Secondary**

Kelsey is a grade 11 student at Odyssée. She is quiet, positive and respectful. She is very attentive to details and is perseverant in her assignments and everything she undertakes.

Kelsey is kind-hearted and is also first to often help others at the school level. She also strives to help others in the community and beyond - a distinction she encompasses, as a person who unselfishly, is always concerned for or devoted to the welfare of others.

Kelsey demonstrates her "Service Above Self" qualities on a daily basis. She is busy with her studies and has been very active with the school's activities and always there to help teachers when asked.

Kelsey volunteers readily and regularly for school and regional sports tournament as timekeeper and referee. Last year she put in 12-hour days as a volunteer runner for the OFSSA Ontario Badminton Tournament à Nipissing University.

Kelsey is inclusive and open-minded, and always strives to set high standards and encourages others to do the same. She naturally takes others under her wings to support them & has been tutoring younger students after school hours to help them with reading and academics.

Kelsey is always smiling. Her respectful demeanor and positive attitude prove that she is an outstanding example of what students can accomplish unselfishly when they help others.

She has accomplished all this while maintaining high academic achievements and being a constant respectful model for other students.