

Rotary Club of North Bay

Rotary Great Student Awards 2024 – Recipient Bios

Angélique Levac

Angélique is a grade 12 student at Franco-Cité in Sturgeon Falls

She is a reliable member of the group *Jeunes en action* (Youths in Action) who devotes a lot of her time to the welfare of others in addition to raising funds to help people in need at school and in the community. She provided help with bake sales and organizing Orange Shirt Day to honor residential school survivors.

She participated in the school food drive to help people in need in the community for Thanksgiving as well as raising awareness for breast cancer.

She is always willing to offer a helping hand, is extremely patient, soft spoken and cares deeply about the people around her. She is a co-op student who spends many hours helping students reach their full potential relevant to the music department.

Gabriella Bélanger

Gabriella is a grade 12 student at ÉSC Algonquin in North Bay

She is an engaged student and citizen of this community, being an active member of many different school groups and at the forefront of many activities to help organize and to give a hand anytime help is needed.

She is the driving force in many different activities at the school level that can help her peers in need whether it be through food drives, fund raisers and clothing drives. She understands the need for people to give of themselves to make this world a better place.

Gabriella is also very involved with her community. One of Gabriella's great gifts is her willingness to help others and has accumulated over 150 hours of community service thus far. Her positive energy is appreciated by all who meet her.

Haight Dubois

Haight is a grade 12 student at FJ McElligott Intermediate Secondary School in Mattawa.

He is very involved in the school community, being a member of the student council, a student senator representative as well as playing on both the senior boys' basketball and volleyball teams.

He successfully interacts with peers, adults and younger children in the school and community. He connects with deep sincerity and compassion and makes others feel accepted. During school activities, he leads groups of younger students with his calm, but confident disposition.

He helped a Japanese exchange student integrate into the new environment. He assisted the student with understanding English words, pronunciations, and even writing assignments. They became friends outside of school, sharing experiences and forming a strong bond.

Brooke Juselius

Brooke is a grade 11 student at WFSS in North Bay

She is the Student Senator for WFSS, representing the student voice for the NNDSB Student Senate and is always seeking ways to get involved to better our school community. She has recently taken a significant leadership role in organizing the "Mind Frame" Event which brings together representatives from community agencies available to support students and families.

She has been a leader in the school organizing our Trojan Fall Food Drive, promoting the availability of feminine hygiene products and continues to be an exceptional member of the West Ferris Secondary School Student Council.

Brooke is enthusiastic, outgoing, and very involved in the WFSS community. Not only that, but she is an outstanding academic student...maintaining grades in the high 80s and 90s. She is the epitome of a GREAT all-around student/person!

Aiden Devolin

Aiden is a Grade 10 student at Chippewa Secondary School in North Bay

He consistently volunteers to support intermediate and special education students.

He is well respected by his teachers and his peers and is a positive ambassador for the school community.

Niibin Nakogee

Niibin is a grade 11 student at Nbisiing Secondary in North Bay

He is a great role model within the school community. He is kind, caring, and consistently willing to help others and to give back to the community.

He is a good friend, always happy and smiling, and has a good sense of humor.

He has accepted responsibility for care of our school's big drum and helping other students to learn and practice singing and drumming as part of the Indigenous culture.

Jacob Lafond

Jacob is a grade 11 student at École secondaire publique Nipissing Ouest

He is a reliable, empathetic individual who unhesitatingly rises to the occasion to help those in need. He positively impacts his peers, his school, and his community by generously offering his time and energy to various clubs, committees, and events.

He has grown to be a true leader by successfully motivating and mobilizing others, creating a more collaborative and pleasant atmosphere within the school community.

His contributions extend beyond typical volunteerism to include daily actions and he willingly helps his peers on an individual basis. He has emerged as a model of perseverance and drawing from his experience, he has been able to provide guidance, encouragement, and support to students facing challenges.

Michael Rolling

Michael is a student at Northern Secondary School in Sturgeon Falls

He has been a wonderful support to his peers throughout the school community and has volunteered for OutLoud in North Bay.

He is attentive to the needs of those around him in his role on the student activity council and makes it his personal mission to help.

He is a great help to his peers who are struggling and is a strong advocate for new students. This year he has served as a peer tutor in a science classroom, and demonstrated compassion and patience as he went out of his way to listen to and meet the needs of the students that he works with.

Paisley Nadon

Paisley is a student at École secondaire catholique Élisabeth-Bruyère in Mattawa

As a member of the Student Council, she always fulfills her duties by making responsible decisions to improve the school experience for all students.

Her ability to take into consideration the interests, well-being and differences of all students makes her a great role model for her peers.

She is a skillful baker and shares her time and talent by making desserts for multiple events at the Mattawa Christian Life Pentecostal Church and the Mattawa Royal Canadian Legion. She is a regular volunteer at Legion bingos.

Cedric Torres

Cedric is a student at SJSH in North Bay

He joined the Cooperative Education program this semester and expressed interest in pursuing a placement at the North Bay Regional Health Centre (NBRHC), which he was able to secure. He is highly dependable and hopes to pursue his studies in the field of nursing when he graduates.

He joined the volunteer team with the Hospital Elder Life Program at the NBRHC in June 2023 and spent his weekends, six hours a day every day, volunteering in this department. His hope was to not only help the patients, but also to develop his personal communication skills.

He is incredibly helpful and kind with elderly patients. He is keen and seeks opportunities to improve the daily life of patients while conversing with them and organizing many of their daily activities.

Ayla McNichol

Ayla is a grade 11 student at Almaguin Highlands in South River

She is a strong member of the student council, as well as a positive team member for volleyball and track and field. She is a peer tutor supporting younger students in

a history class and an ambassador student supporting students and running events at the school,

She has hosted the Remembrance Day ceremony for 2 consecutive years and is planning ahead to run the Terry Fox Day next fall. She has helped with grade 8 transitions and planned and organized parent-teacher interviews.

She holds an after-school job as a hostess at the Red Canoe restaurant and volunteers as a scorekeeper for minor hockey. She has also volunteered with the Sundridge Smashers Volleyball organization by assisting with scorekeeping and flagging tournament games.

Paige Buchanan

Paige is a student at École publique Odyssée in North Bay.

Paige has spent over three hundred hours knitting loom hats for babies coming out of the hospital and dedicated time to help very new citizens of North Bay.

She called her project Loom love and donated over 200 hats since 2019 and continues to provide these hats today.

She ran a toy drive during Christmas time to make the holidays a little bit brighter for the city's youth.