



## ROTARY CLUB GREAT STUDENT AWARDS 2016

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### **Breanna Wilson**, ESC Algonquin

Breanna is a grade 10 student who is friendly and responsible and often works in the shadows to help her peers, staff, and the community. She is very sensitive to others' needs and demonstrates an incredible leadership in all aspects of her life.

At school, Breanna takes part in many activities that make a difference. She is actively involved in the YAC committee that promotes healthy relationships. She also participates in many extracurricular activities. Her personality and charm make everyone smile around her. Her enthusiasm and love of life contribute to the success of activities in which she participates.

She is actively involved in community activities such as:

- "Meet Me On the Bridge", a rally that promotes gender equality;
- "Take Back the Night," a rallying evening that promotes community safety;
- A presentation to the City Council and the media in relation to the importance of safe drinking water and risks incurred by the construction of a pipeline at local level.

Over the years, Breanna has maintained an excellent academic average. She demonstrates autonomy and a sense of initiative. Breanna has an infectious smile and does not hesitate to help those in need.

Her contributions to Algonquin and the community are noticed and greatly appreciated.

### **Megan Lepoudre**, Ecole Secondaire Publique Odysée

Megan is a grade 11 student at *Ecole secondaire publique Odyssee*. She is an honour student with a marked work ethic. She is very attentive to details and is perseverant in her assignments and everything she undertakes, always trying to better herself.

Megan is the kind-hearted and is also first to often help others at the school level but also strives to help others in the community and beyond.

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She has been involved with the school's NONabullying and YAC initiatives (Youth Advisory Committee) and was a student-lead for a "buddy-bench" project with our feeder-school's grade 6 students.

For the last 2 years, Megan has spearheaded a campaign to bring awareness about North Bay's Warming Centre to her peers, lobbying for donations of warm clothing and making presentations to the school. Megan has also volunteered for the Red Cross, once again with the focus on helping others in need.

Megan is always smiling. Her respectful demeanor 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.



### **Kealey Ducharme, St. Joseph Scollard Hall**

Kealey is a grade 12 student who has been on our SAC since grade 9 and has served as our Student Trustee on the Nipissing Parry-Sound Catholic District School Board for the last two years.

She devotes hours of her time to making our school a better place by organizing activities, volunteering to help younger students and even volunteering to give up her time during the summer and other holidays to provide tours for parents of students who are interested in attending our school. She excels academically and is also involved with athletics and in the development of faith in our school.

### **Hannah Bywater, Chippewa Secondary**

Hannah is a grade 10 student at Chippewa. So far Hannah has accumulated over 294 volunteering hours and counting. Hannah has dedicated her summers to do mission trips. In 2014 she went to Africa and helped out the small villages/communities and participated in the "water walk". In 2015 she went to Costa Rica and worked in schools with the program Me to WE, and in 2016 she will be going to India with Me to We.

Hannah also volunteers for school events and plays on the girl's volley-ball team and the Chippewa tract team.

Next year Hannah will do a Rotary Club student exchange for a year.





## **Abbey Tanner, Widdifield Secondary**

Abbey is a Grade 11 honour role student from Widdifield Secondary School. Abbey is one of the most intrinsically motivated young ladies you will ever meet! Her volunteer efforts enrich the lives of her school, her local and international communities.

As a student, Abbey has participated in Widdifield's link crew program. She was selected to receive specialized training so that she could work with incoming Grade nine students. As a link crew leader she has toured kids through the school, participated in various social and academic follow-ups and most recently, she was part of a Cocoa and Cram session in which senior students helped the grade nines prepare for exams. Her friendly disposition and eagerness to help is a well known commodity around the Widdifield halls.

Abbey's true passion is her involvement in Free the Children, a youth helping youth organization founded by Craig Kielberger. Since 2010 she has participated in a variety of fund and friend raising campaigns including: the 30 Hour Famine, the Vow of Silence, We Scare Hunger, Bake Sales and Christmas caroling. She has participated in the Take Action Workshops which focused on student leadership, social justice and global citizenship. This summer she will return to the Academy as a leader in training. For the past two years she has organized a school wide locker clean up. She asked her fellow Wildcats to donate new or gently used items which she then sorted and organized. These school supplies were sent to Kenya with Sandy Foster and to Costa Rica with the Duke of Edinburgh program. This year she launched *Socktober* and collected over 400 pairs of new socks which she donated to the warming centre. In December she hosted *Art for Ecuador*. Her peers donated their artwork for silent auction and monies raised will provide primary education for 6 children in Ecuador. As an active member of Widdifield's Free the Children group she is working tirelessly organizing activities to raise money for local and global initiatives. She was intricately involved in last year's efforts which raised over \$3000 for a local theatre group -*Can Do Theatre*. This year she has already participated in fundraisers for our local food bank, the Santa Fund and Movember. She looks forward to the group's largest event... Widdifield's 10th Annual International Dinner which will be held in her school in May.

Volunteerism is a pillar upon which Abbey is building her secondary school career. While she is unsure of her post secondary destination it seems more than likely that the years ahead will be spent as an agent of change.

## **Amanda Mills, West Ferris**

Amanda is a grade 11 student at West Ferris Secondary School of whom we are very proud. She not only gives freely of her time but manages to maintain honours level grades and excellent attendance.

Amanda has provided many hours in organizing, arranging, and helping run programs for younger children at the Callander library, She has always shown much enthusiasm, whether in setting up bulletin boards, helping with the Raising Reader Program, crafts, Funfest, role model for the Junior book Club.



She has been a valuable part of running the annual Redpath Picnic for employees by volunteering to help with the inflatable games, setting up for events, face painting or crafts, her assistance allows families to spend quality time together.

Amanda's warmth, caring and consideration of others, exemplifies the type of student who gives freely of his or her time.

In addition, she has been involved with the annual Trojan Food Drive