



ROTARY GREAT STUDENT AWARDS 2020

Olivia Trottier – École secondaire publique Odyssee

Olivia is a grade 12 student at Odyssee. She is energetic and a great team player. She is very attentive to details and is perseverant in her academic assignments and everything she undertakes.

Olivia is an avid athlete and competitive swimmer. For the past several years (pre-Covid), she has been part of the school's girls' basketball team, she even joined the boys' team too and was always a great support to her teammates. She has put in many hours at the CFB base pool, teaching and mentoring younger swimmers to pass on her love of swimming.

Olivia has several hundred volunteer hours to her credit. She strives to help others in the community - she is empathetic and is always concerned for the welfare of others.

Olivia has been part of student council, has volunteered with food drive for the North Bay Food Bank, has often helped with local and regional basketball tournaments and was recognized as one of the volunteer runners for the provincial OFSSA Badminton tournament held in North Bay.

She demonstrates her "**Service Above Self**" qualities by often being the first one to offer to help in many situations. She is busy with her studies and work but is always there to help teachers when asked. She has been a master of ceremonies for "*Student who Make a Difference Evening of Applause*" and spoke on behalf of the cspne school board for Armed Forces Day.

Olivia is kind-hearted and demonstrated this daily at her COOP placement at One Kids Place where she would help children in different activities and therapies. Her goal after college is to work with children with challenges as a Speech and Occupational Therapist.

Olivia is inclusive and open-minded, and always strives to set high standards and encourages others to do the same.

Emily Womack – West Ferris Secondary School

Emily is a grade 11 student at West Ferris. Her teachers describe her as a humble, kind, and highly motivated individual who sets high standards for herself both academically and personally. Emily perseveres through difficulties/challenges.

Among many of her accolades, Emily represents our student body on the Near North District School Board's Student Senate. She has been part of the high school cross-country running team where she was the recipient of the "Rookie of the Year" AND qualified for the OFSAA Cross-Country Running Championship.

She is a volunteer extraordinaire! Emily has volunteered at All Hearts Pet Rescue and has been a Heritage Gardener for over 5 years. She was recently awarded the YMCA Peace Medal AND the Community Excellence Award by the Carmichael Art Studios. Emily has been described as the epitome of the type of future leader we want in our community...with thoughtful and selfless dedication to her community.

Adeolu Agboola – Chippewa Secondary School

Volunteering is Adeolu's passion, and has been from a young age when she was given the opportunity to aid in raising money for children around the world. Adeolu has had the opportunity to volunteer for an award winning soup kitchen, help to plan and execute holiday parties for children who were less fortunate, being a counselor at a missionary camp, playing the violin and viola for fundraisers. At the age of 12, Adeolu had, along with two other friends, taken the initiative to hand make and sell bracelets to their classmates in order to raise money for a family to have a goat in a country overseas.

Over the past few years, Adeolu has volunteered to help teach children how to use personal water crafts at the North Bay Canoe Club, was behind the scenes in advocating for the continuation for the IB program, as well as helping to amplify her voice and others by helping to plan and speaking at the Black Lives Matter peaceful protest. Through her school's Raideraid team, Adeolu has aided in many campaigns and fundraisers such as Chippewa's day of silence and cleaning the environment around the school. Adeolu has aided in the planning of peaceful protests such as saving a habitat for turtles, raising awareness for climate change and bettering our education. She has also helped to create a suitable habitat on one side of the road for turtles so that they would not have to cross the highway and have a higher chance of dying.

Adeolu has been a part of Student Advisory Council seventh grade through to twelfth grade, and as well as advocating for her classmates' view to the board of trustees. She had been appointed to speak as a representative of her school to give her opinion on various aspects of the school system running from the state of bullying in schools today and the effects of coronavirus on student's mental health in hopes of improving our school system in the future.

Volunteering at the North Bay Regional Hospital has been something that Adeolu has found very enjoyable as she got to interact with patients and help them to the best extent as she could as well as complete the L.E.A.D. program in which she was able to develop a better understanding of how to aid different types of patients.

This past school year Adeolu had co run an initiative called Socktober in which she was able to raise money through the selling of funky socks to be able to pay for prosthetic legs for people who could not afford it overseas. For every sock sold, they were matched in warm socks that were donated to the gathering place. Currently Adeolu is co running two other initiatives one being a multicultural event that is being held through the launch of an website which consists of written interviews and videos of many students in the school with the intent to display the diversity and culture within our school in order to connect the school and bring awareness in a covid-freindly way.

Throughout the years, Adeolu has displayed her work ethics, positive attitude and eagerness to help others. She has been working towards contributing to improving our environment and making our world a more inclusive and accepting place.

Colton Chaput – École secondaire catholique Algonquin

Colton is a grade 12 student at Algonquin. Colton is a motivated student who consistently demonstrates maturity and leadership. He is involved in many activities that allow him to

express his creativity and perfect his leadership role, such as the theater group, the gathering of food for the food bank, the animation of the identity building camp and the Sun camp for children. In addition, Colton is deeply involved in activities related to his passion for robotics, where he manages to share his enthusiasm with the students with whom he works.

Colton is a reliable and responsible person, both in his academic work and in his dealings with his peers and teachers. This is why we recommend Colton without hesitation. As a grade 12 student, Colton has already accumulated an impressive amount of community service hours. He has submitted a total of 379 hours to date and he continues to give to his community. Colton understands the need for people to give of themselves to make this a better place. He is the kind of student that answers the call whenever he is asked. He is a strong individual who embodies the values of a person who serves others selflessly.

Jude Zappala – St. Joseph Scollard Hall Secondary

Jude is a 15-year old grade 10 A+ student at SJSH who enjoys connecting with his school and larger community by performing acts of service. Jude is unhesitating in using his musical talents to bring enjoyment to others, and especially those who need it most. Jude has volunteered at Cassellhome, performing songs, special requests, and Christmas shows to the delight of their residents. He has volunteered at the North Bay Regional Health Centre performing for long-term patients repertoire that includes songs from their past. Even with the Covid health and safety protocols in place, Jude has continued to perform for patients there who watch him play guitar outside their window and listen through a device. Jude has also performed and sang to support the Lions Club Children's Christmas Telethon as well as recorded music to honour local Special Olympics athletes. With a lot of joy and pride, Jude volunteers for his school with live and recorded performances for Remembrance Day, Orange Shirt Day, and masses. During lockdown restrictions, he performed outdoor concerts for small neighbourhood communities to keep spirits lifted, and donated his earnings from a paid restaurant show towards a local family who expressed a need. Jude humbly and happily puts hours of work preparing for and performing for some of our community's most vulnerable, and has been described in his school as "a true professional" and "a natural leader who looks out for the quiet ones."