

ROTARY GREAT STUDENT AWARDS 2019 RECIPIENTS

Alexa Robidoux

A grade 10 student at Odyssee. She is exuberant, positive and respectful. She is very attentive to details and is perseverant in her assignments and everything she undertakes.

Alexa 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.

Alexa demonstrates her "**Service Above Self**" qualities on a daily basis. She is busy with her studies and has been very active with our school's student parliament as Athletic Director. Alexa volunteers regularly for school and regional sports tournament as time keeper and referee. She is a competitive dancer and also puts in many hours helping younger potential dancers with ballet classes and helping with summer camps. Alexa is inclusive and open-minded, and always strives to set high standards and encourages others to do the same

Alexa is always smiling. Her respectful demeanour and positive attitude proves 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.

Severn Doyle

Sev only came to Widdifield last year when starting grade 11 but in that short time he has made a significant contribution not only in the school community in the North Bay community at-large. His kind nature and willingness to help others has not gone unnoticed by his educators, friends and family.

When Sev learned that he was recipient of this award he said that "Giving is the best example to set. Giving without the expectation of receiving is even better."

To elaborate on some of the projects that Severn has given his time to:

Sev worked in the Widdifield Courtyard Garden in the summer of 2018. He was 100% reliable, rode his bike across town, worked in the sun all day and was often the first to arrive and last to leave, without complaint. He was willing to do the difficult jobs that others didn't always choose to do.

His teacher, Carol Henschel said "His kind nature and sweet disposition made him a partner with whom others wanted to work. Sev would go to the food bank with me in my

car and talk about the wonderful service we were providing - he just understood how important our task was - he took great joy in it.”

Sev also became a new member to WE Wildcats - a student group that makes action plans to help their school, local and global community become a better place. He devoted hours of his time contributing to the group’s campaigns including the Tim Horton’s Smile Cookie campaign; We Scare Hunger and MOVEMBER.

Sev also joined Widdifield’s LINK Crew this year, which is a program to help new grade 9 students transition to high school and provides leadership skills to senior students who “Link Up” with new students. As a new student to Widdifield in grade 11, Sev would have known how intimidating it can be to be in a new environment not knowing anyone.

He also volunteered at the Silver Linings Symposium, a community workshop dealing with issues related to cancer-care and hosted by health-care professionals. He even produced a short-film that was shared on the Silver Linings website.

Severn has given of his time for our school’s semi-annual celebration of the arts, Artsfest, and at the National Theatre High School Drama Festival (formerly known as the Sears Festival.)

Adèle Chénier

A grade 12 student at ÉSC Algonquin. She is consistently one of our top students in all aspects. She is equally involved at the school level as well as her community and is an extremely giving person. Some of the activities that Adèle has spear headed with great enthusiasm and care for others include the North Bay hospital walk/run, a kid’s marathon in her community, a spaghetti supper fundraiser for elementary schools as well as her great work with the Sick Kids Foundation by ensuring that events run smoothly and that the participants of the events were well looked after. One of Adèle’s great gifts is her willingness to help others. She helps students through the tutoring program at school but what impresses teachers even more is the help she will give to students around her in her courses. This year, Adèle is participating in a missionary project with her community. They have been fundraising and organising a trip to Jamaica which will take place over the March break where they will help build homes in one of Jamaica’s poorest sections.

As a grade 12 student, Adèle has already accumulated an impressive amount of community service hours. She continues to give to her fellow colleagues and to her community. Adèle 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 helps students and teachers alike. She is a strong individual who embodies the values of a person who serves others selflessly.

Rachael Point

A grade 11 student at Chippewa SS. To date Rachael has acquired over 232 volunteer hours and will continue to accumulate more. Although she has done a variety of volunteering at Chippewa helping out with parent/teacher interviews, helping to organize "I Am Worthy" day, that helps empower teenage girls, and other varied activities. Her heart has been working with children and horses. Rachael volunteered as a camp counsellor, providing a safe place where children can come and be educated on how to ride horses and teach them about equine safety. She would also help out with preparing lunch and supervising craft time and stable management and volunteered as a judge for Eastwood Equestrian show. She also volunteered on a teen advisory council with the public library, and with the Learning Together Family Conference. Rachael has been accepted in Chippewa's International Baccalaureate Program and plays volleyball. She is also part of Chippewa's student council as athletics rep. this year and was communication rep last year on council and is always ready to help out fellow Raiders and embodies true Raider spirit

Carson Mugford

A grade 11 student at West Ferris Intermediate Secondary School who has the loveliest, kindest soul. Carson has volunteered at the Heritage Railway--operating the carousel and working as the conductor on the Heritage train. As one of his teacher's remarked: "Carson is a wonderful, kind soul who will work hard for what is right". Carson is always genuinely pleasant and spreads warmth around the school and our community!

Samantha McKinley

When thinking about our school population and students that truly demonstrate what it means to make a difference in their school and community, Samantha McKinley immediately comes to mind. Samantha is a caring and passionate student that puts forth 100% effort in all that she does both in her academics and in her efforts to support our school. Samantha regularly volunteers her time at our school to support numerous activities and events to make them run smoothly and represent her fellow students, including extra curricular events, parent nights and lunch sessions for students just to name a few. While this is impressive, what truly makes Samantha stand apart is her devotion and passion in supporting a caring, equitable and inclusive environment for all students at SJSH. Samantha has been a leader in supporting mental health and awareness at our school, being a strong advocate for equity and inclusion for all students, represented our school provincially as a member of the Minister's Student Advisory Council (MSAC) and regularly tutors students in mathematics. What makes Samantha such a deserving recipient of this award is that she leads by example. She not only has an idea to support students but organizes and puts plans in place to carry out these actions that have tangible results and a direct impact and support on the student population at SJSH.