

Dan Vandal Youth Initiative Award – 2019 Recipients

Prix Daniel Vandal pour initiative jeunesse – Récipiendaires pour 2019

J.H. Bruns Collegiate – Kelsey McLeod



Kelsey is a dedicated and compassionate individual who is well deserving of this award. She has been thoroughly involved in the development of our school's initiative to heighten our awareness of Indigenous culture so that we deepen our understanding and then act with compassion. Along with a small but strong network of students, Kelsey helped to create a real connection between J.H. Bruns and St. Theresa's Point in an effort to further our school's commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action, travelling to the community this past May. Earlier that month she travelled with the Oyoyocik Student Leadership Group's to Haida Gwaii to continue building the connection between us and the indigenous communities across provincial borders. These experiences have helped to shape her own understanding of the indigenous cultures that exist across Canada in order to share and continue to grow with the community at J.H. Bruns. At the school level, Kelsey has been an key member of the Natural Helper's group which supports all students/peers with their social-emotional learning. She was identified by her peers as a compassionate, kind person and asked to attend the group to develop these skills. During her time with Natural Helpers, she began the program as an attendee and her natural capacity as a helper became evident. She then took on the role of being a trainer and helped to teach and support students both at the retreat as well as back at the school. We wish her the best in her continued learning.

Nelson MacIntyre Collegiate – Kaden Doerksen



Kaden is a conscientious student who takes the time to help many of the students at Nelson McIntyre Collegiate. Kaden enjoys a wide variety of sports including volleyball, hockey and flag football. Able to balance these pursuits with his academics at school, Kaden also finds the time to volunteer during his free time at his church throughout the year and during the summer at the Adventurers Day Camp they host. With goals of pursuing physiotherapy or air traffic control as a career, Kaden first plans to study in New Zealand at Capernwray next year.

St. Boniface Diocesan High School – Simone Macfarlane



The recipient for the 2019 Dan Vandal Youth Initiative Award for St. Boniface Diocesan High School is Simone Macfarlane. Simone is a graduating honour roll student who has been active in the school community. She is involved in the Sustainability Group, Envirothon, Campus Ministry, and is also an excellent athlete.

Springs Christian Academy – André Fontaine



André has a servant's heart. He is helpful and is always willing to assist when required at school but also takes the initiative to serve above and beyond what is expected. He currently serves as the Student Council Vice-President and is an active volunteer with Springs Youth. His wide range of volunteering experience has equipped him with great communication and leadership skills. This year he has gone above and beyond in mentoring younger students. He is and will continue to be a difference maker in all areas of his life.

Centre scolaire Léo-Rémillard – René Piché

René est un jeune homme bien ancré dans sa communauté francophone. Il est conseillé au Conseil jeunesse provincial et participe activement au Parlement jeunesse franco-manitobain en tant que ministre. Au sein de l'école, il est membre actif au conseil étudiant depuis la neuvième année.

Windsor Park Collegiate – Tay-Heicka Scott



Tay-Heicka Scott is an incredible young woman who came to Canada from Jamaica in 2018. Navigating a new school in a new country is never easy but Tay-Heicka instantly wove herself into the fabric of Windsor Park Collegiate and became an integral part of the student body. She joined clubs, welcomed volunteer opportunities and was always a go-to person for staff when jobs needed to be accomplished. Tay-Heicka approaches everything with a positive attitude and the most infectious smile. She is excited to attend the University of Manitoba next year where she hopes to pursue a career in nursing.

Dakota Collegiate - Kayla Giesbrecht



Kayla is currently the Student Body President of Dakota Collegiate and has been on the Student Council since grade 9. She has done numerous volunteering throughout her high school years. Kayla has a 90% graduating average and will be entering into University of Manitoba into Kinesiology.

Collège Louis-Riel – Janelle Campagne



Janelle Campagne est une fille passionnée, dévouée, travaillante et intelligente. Elle est très impliquée dans notre communauté estudiantine. L'année passée elle faisait partie de notre conseil d'élève comme Ministre de l'UNESCO. Elle est aussi un membre actif de notre groupe GAD-CLR (Groupe action diversité du Collège Louis-Riel) depuis plusieurs années. Cette année, elle est présidente. Le mandat de ce groupe est de créer un climat à l'école où tout le monde se sent en sécurité peu importe leur orientation ou leur identité sexuelle.

À l'extérieur de l'école, Janelle est un membre actif de la communauté LGBTQ+. Cette année, elle a été choisie comme ambassadrice jeunesse du festival de la fierté gaie de Winnipeg. Elle souhaite rendre PRIDE bilingue et plus accessible aux francophones de la communauté LGBTQ+.

Janelle est une jeune femme engagée qui cherche à créer un monde où tout le monde se sent inclus peu importe leur identité. Elle sera une candidate idéale pour le prix Dan Vandal pour initiative jeunesse.

Glenlawn Collegiate – Tim Unger



Tim grew up in the St. Vital area attending Windsor School and then Glenlawn Collegiate. His interests include music and building community. Tim was an enthusiastic member of the band program throughout high school. He has been a member of Student Council and Co-Chair of the Youth in Philanthropy Committee. In the classroom Tim's academic performance, while taking higher level

courses, was outstanding with an average of 93%. Most recently Tim won a \$1,000 grant for Mosaic Newcomer Family Resource Network from the Winnipeg Foundation for his three-minute speech at the Youth in Philanthropy 'pitch party' at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Tim plans to attend university next year.

Collège Béliveau – Janine Brown



Janine est une élève qui s'implique dans les activités scolaires (comédie musicale, ambassadrice, comité GLEE, maître de cérémonie) et communautaires. Elle est une activiste pour le changement climatique, les droits de la personne ainsi que pour la communauté LGBTQ2S+. Elle démontre des intérêts en politique ainsi que dans l'éducation des apprentissages autochtones. Elle est une oratrice, poète et auteure, ayant publié son premier livre de poésie cette année. Janine va poursuivre ses études postsecondaires à l'Université de Winnipeg.

Collège Jeanne-Sauvé – Sophie Chen



C'est avec son amour pour la musique ainsi qu'avec des prélèvements de fond annuels que Sophie Chen s'implique avec le Centre St-Amant de sa communauté. Récipiendaire de la médaille académique du Gouverneur général ainsi que lauréate du Prix international du Duc d'Édimbourg (niveau or), elle débute prochainement ses études post-secondaires à l'Université de McGill à Montréal avec l'espoir de devenir, un jour, dentiste.

Louis Riel Arts and Technology Centre – Miguel Remillard



Miguel came from Centre Scholaire Leo-Remillard to enroll in the Information Systems program here at ATC. Apart from achieving high marks, Miguel also found time to coach the St. Boniface Minor Hockey Seals and since 2009 to the present, he has been a Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation volunteer and Ambassador. Miguel has also been a family camp volunteer counselor for Diabetes Canada. Miguel's generosity through volunteering has been evident throughout his life, coupled with an amazing sense of work ethic, demonstrates what a remarkable young man he is. While in his internship for the IS program, Miguel continued to work odd jobs in the evenings and weekends. Upon completion, Miguel has been offered a technician position with the Information Technology Department of the United Way.