

Recipients of the Dan Vandal Youth Initiative Award – 2016

Récipiendaires du prix Daniel Vandal pour initiative jeunesse – 2016



St. Boniface Diocesan High School

Cindy Le has been active in a leadership role within the SBDHS student government, and has worked to promote environmental responsibility through extracurricular participation in the school's environmental (sustainability) group. Outside of the school, she has contributed her time to various activities which serve to enhance the life of those within our community.



Collège Louis-Riel

Rachelle Landry a démontré du leadership à travers son engagement envers les causes sociales, la justice sociale et les droits des démunis dans le cadre de son cours de Droit. Elle s'intéresse beaucoup aux droits de la personne, ils lui tiennent à cœur. Elle est membre du comité GAD (Groupe Action Diversité) et a pu s'immerger dans le processus électoral en faisant du porte à porte pour un candidat lors des récentes élections.



Springs Christian Academy

Joshua Wiebe demonstrates servant leadership and maturity in his courses and friendships with other students. He is an intelligent individual who sets high goals. He is present and active in school activities and a great help on student council. He is conscientious of issues and able to sense the pulse of situations. Overall, he is an excellent example, to his peers, of strong leadership, a valuable asset wherever he goes and no stranger to the stage.



Collège Béliveau

Dominic Courcelles est un jeune homme très impliqué dans les politiques et dans sa communauté. Il est un membre du comité SWAT (Students Working against Tobacco) au Collège Béliveau et un joueur sur l'équipe de hockey de l'école. Il est passionné par les politiques et il dévoue son temps à promouvoir le vote parmi les jeunes et parmi les membres de sa communauté en donnant son temps au parti libéral pour promouvoir leur campagne. Dominic est un élève travaillant et dédié avec un esprit positif.



Dakota Collegiate

Alexandra Grafe will be attending Providence University in Otterburne, MB this fall. While at Dakota, Alexandra has volunteered her time with the Manitoba Marathon, Hampers, Citizenship Council, Habitat for Humanity and Siloam Mission. She has also played on our school Volleyball team, Field Hockey Team and Handball team. Outside of school, she is a leader in her Church, mentoring children and has also travelled on Mission trips around the world.



Glenlawn Collegiate

Kayla Lariviere has been an active leader of Glenlawn's *Indigenous Voice and Action*, being the sole grade 12-student on the council. The group spent much of the year mentoring grade 4 students at Glenwood School, educating them about the seven sacred teachings—truth, humility, honesty, courage, love, wisdom and respect. Kayla sought out to be one of the organizers for a divisional student led youth conference about reconciliation. As she would put it, “the vision is not so much about reconciliation, but rather “reconciliACTION”. Kayla also led activities at the event. In addition to being a great advocate, Kayla is also a very intelligent and dedicated student. Her average this year is 95%, with no mark lower than 92%. An outstanding

achievement, especially considering how active she is in her community and school events. One such activity was being an editor of our school's publication *Ignite*, to which she contributed a writing piece on the topic of intergenerational effects of residential schools. She will be pursuing a Law degree at the University of Manitoba.



Windsor Park Collegiate

In the 2 years that **Ibbly Adahunse** has attended WPC she has been involved in numerous volunteer activities both at WPC and within the community, too many, in fact, to list.

She showed strong leadership and perseverance in the face of adversity, and often went out of her way to show kindness, in thoughtful ways, to those around her.



Nelson McIntyre Collegiate

Whitney Chiji is a student with leadership qualities and a passion to change the World. She is a self-motivated student, a team player and a mentor. As a member of our Junior Achievement team and our school musical she demonstrated all of these characteristics. She has been a wonderful addition to the Nelson McIntyre Collegiate family.

Volunteering some of her time for organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Special Olympics and Centralia this year, she has been a tremendous ambassador for Nelson McIntyre Collegiate. While living in Africa, she participated in a reading program to help younger children learn to read and stay interested in this lifelong skill. She is now moving on to the University of Manitoba where she will continue to grow and to help others. A compassionate student, Whitney chose to provide her fundraising money to another student in grade 11 who is in need of financial support to go on the school band trip next year. We wish her all the success in the World as she enters University.



Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre

Randy Ferens successfully completed the Information Systems program. He has been heavily involved with the cadets program throughout his life and has found employment in the Information Technology field with the Canadian Military. His new position includes providing IT support, setting up networks, and desktop troubleshooting. See more in his bio below. He grew up in Southdale attending Shamrock School and J.H.Bruns. While at Shamrock, Randy worked with the patrol program both as a patrol and patrol captain. During this time he also joined the air cadet program at age 12. During these seven years Randy travelled across the country attending various activities including: field training

exercises; marksmanship; biathlon; music training; summer camps; provincial squadron exchanges. During his high school years, despite his heavy cadet schedule, Randy still found time to volunteer working at his church in the nursery and with the sound system. By his grade 12 graduation, he was a senior cadet in charge of the cadet band, spending lots of time performing for different events and activities with various musical groups. After his graduation, he aged out of the cadet program and continued working with them as a civilian volunteer until he enrolled into the Canadian Armed Forces in February 2012. As an officer, Randy has worked his way up to his current rank of Lieutenant. While continuing his military training, Randy volunteers many hours working with the marksmanship, biathlon, and music programs within the Cadet program. During his summers, Randy has worked as a staff member during summer training with the Cadet program since the age of 16 in various positions.



Collège Jeanne-Sauvé

Dominique Gougeon-Gagnon est une élève dynamique de la classe de 2016. Elle est une personne avec beaucoup d'énergie qui s'est impliquée beaucoup en théâtre. Elle était toujours prête à porter main forte et a fait beaucoup de bénévolat dans nos projets avec notre famille d'écoles. Elle est aussi quelqu'un qui valorise l'apprentissage du français et qui n'hésite pas à s'exprimer en français.



Centre scolaire Léo-Rémillard

Jérémie Léo Nantel était le président du Conseil étudiant 2015-16. Il a créé un environnement « espace étudiant » avec des nouveaux meubles amovibles pour répondre aux requêtes des élèves. Jérémie a contribué à vie étudiante avec une panoplie d'activités, tel que des rassemblements, des ralliements, danses, guerre des niveaux et les sports intra-muraux. Jérémie était un de nos entraîneurs pour une équipe de basketball et à lui-même fait partie des équipes sportives de l'école. Jérémie est un élève qui a toujours porté main forte pour

toutes activités du Centre scolaire Léo-Rémillard.



J.H. Bruns Collegiate

Gillian Olson showed her passion for giving to others, whether it was promoting the yearly blood services drive, supporting new students through the Ambassadors program, or giving back her time to the children at her former elementary school. When Gillian was not busy volunteering, or working diligently to maintain a high academic average, she was also working as a gymnastics coach and after school supervisor at GymKids and St. Emile respectively. Gillian plans to attend the University of Manitoba this fall in the Faculty of Science.