

# Public school board honours excellent students

The Halton District School Board recently hosted its 27th annual A Celebration of Student Excellence. One student representative was selected from each elementary and secondary school in the public school system to receive the Student Excellence Award.

The honour is given to students who demonstrate outstanding qualities in more than one of the following areas: academic, vocational, athletic, self-improvement, community work, citizenship and student leadership.

A total of 31 Oakville students were honoured at this year's ceremony. This is the first installment profiling the local recipients. The remaining recipients will be published in future issues of *The Oakville Beaver*.

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• **Hiroki Sadai, Abbey Lane:** Hiroki always displays a positive attitude with an infectious smile. Hiroki is a leader in the school in a quiet way. He sets a positive example for his peers and for younger students. He maintains an honours standing academically while participating in extra-curricular activities like basketball, leading his team to the East Halton Tier 1 Final game.

• **Joshua Wright, Brookdale:** Joshua demonstrates exceptional commitment to academic excellence — always going above and



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beyond expectations. He is continually at the top of his class and is a key contributor to many extracurricular activities both at Brookdale and in the wider community. In school, Joshua participated on the robotics team, Brookdale band, yearbook committee and was a soccer team captain. Josh's

leadership skills are most evident in his current role as Deputy Prime Minister of the Student Parliament. Outside of school, he is an integral member of the air cadets band.

• **Sarah Qureishi, Captain R. Wilson:** Sarah shows a positive attitude in all aspects of school life. She demonstrates her excellent musical skills as a member of both the concert band and jazz band. As a member of the Leadership Council, she demonstrates her school spirit as she helps organize exciting events around the school. She shares her love for reading through the Red Maple Reading Club.

• **Emma Sande, E.J. James:** Emma is one

of E.J. James Public School's highest academic achievers. Through her exuberant and affectionate disposition, she enthusiastically takes on many roles, and encourages others' in their roles, within the school. She is a sincere and considerate leader amongst her peers as well as an advocate for many of the school projects, including playing in the band and volunteering to assist with the younger grades. There is never a project too great or too small that Emma doesn't take on with her best effort, every time.

• **Young In Lee, Eastview:** Young is Eastview's Student of Excellence because of the fantastic, positive attitude she displays in both her studies and her peer interaction. It was only two years ago that Young started speaking English and since that time she has consecutively earned honour role standing through hard work and determination. Young works well with all her classmates and is a positive influence and leader during group work and class discussion. In addition to her dedication to academics, Young is also involved in a number of extra-curricular activities such as Eco-Club, O'Canada Club, Science Club and band. This year she was also responsible for designing and building Eastview's soap box car.

• **Jared Hines, Emily Carr:** Jared was selected because he demonstrates outstanding qualities in academics, athletics, student leadership and community work. Jared has achieved Honour Roll standing and learning skills recognition for the last two years. He is a member of the concert band, cross-country, volleyball, basketball and track and field teams and has shown his leadership through his involvement on Student Parliament and as a student announcer.

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