

Colborne student wins Millennium Scholarship

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Colborne Grade 12 student Julie Impey was the only student from Northumberland to be awarded a Provincial Millennium Scholarship this past school year. Two others received local awards. The award, granted by the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation, is granted to 'outstanding students who care about the world around them', commented Gerard Veilleux in a press release.

Ms. Impey will receive a total of \$16,000 over a maximum of four years.

To qualify for the award the students had to fill out six-page applications describing their leadership experiences, community initiatives, volunteer efforts and situations that challenged them.

It was those activities which define Ms. Impey and



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The only provincial winner of a Millennium Scholarship from ENSS, Julie Impey is headed off to McMaster University in the fall.

ribbon campaign (fighting violence against women) safe schools program, blood donor clinics, and the Christmas Adopt-a-Child Program.

Her career path is indicative as well, of that desire to help others. Her learning in the health sciences will be applied to health-oriented helping, whether it's in medicine or rehab or in another field she has yet to uncover. When she was an elementary student she wanted to be a speech and language pathologist and that's still an option. She knows there may be career paths that she doesn't even know about that she may find more satisfying.

Last year she discovered the rewards of leadership as Prime Minister of the Students' Council at ENSS. She got great satisfaction from the group dynam-

ics. There was always someone whom she could rely on to get a job done well. It took a lot of her time but she learned a lot and she now understands better what it takes to lead. The most important thing she learned is to adapt to change. A good leader can't throw up her hands in frustration when there's an obstacle. She has to find new approaches.

A good leader has to allow others in the group to lead, using their strengths. She needs to prod them when their weaknesses get in the way of their performances.

She's realistic about the impact of her activities. The whole concept of death is too big for some teens to deal with. She knows that some of the 200 cards she handed out will not be filled out and carried in wallets, but she knows that the most important role played in the program is its educational value. The cards were discussed over the dinner table in many homes, forcing families to look at the issues.

While not pondering her own demise, she sees organ donation as a legacy she can leave.

The organ donation campaign reflects Ms. Impey's social conscience. That's evident in many of her other non-academic activities. Last winter she offered respite for a Brighton family, taking their daughter for a few hours once a week. Sometimes they would go to Presqu'ile, or other places of interest.

She's also helped with the Colborne Terry Fox Run and led the Christmas carol singing at the Santa Claus Parade. She's worked at Camp Quin-Mo-Lac and this summer at Presqu'ile Park in the children's program.

For the last two years she was a committee member in the Tee Off for Terry Charity Golf Tournament. In 2002 the tournament netted over \$7,000, thanks to the efforts of students, staff and the local business community.

In 2001-2 she was a peer tutor in the Learning and Life Skills Classroom.

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