

Teen ready to tackle the future

Lindsay Dunn has sights set on Queen's University and law school

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NORTHUMBERLAND - The future is bright for Lindsay Dunn, but so is the present.

The 17-year-old Grafton native was nominated for an Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) Junior Citizen of the Year award, an honour that comes as no surprise after you read her resume. Not content to simply receive top grades at school (which she has), Lindsay, a Grade 10 student at St. Mary's Secondary School, has kept busy throughout her high school years with a bevy of extracurricular activities, from helping with volunteer organizations, playing school sports, and even serving as a page in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

What is perhaps most impressive is that none of her accomplishments have been random — each has been carefully selected with an eye towards propelling her further down the path she has chosen for herself.

"I've always wanted to do something in politics or law," she said.

To that end, Lindsay is preparing to study political science next year and has her sights set on Queen's University as her destination of choice.

"Ever since I've been in high school I've always wanted to go to Queen's."

Though plans are always apt to change, she thinks law school will follow university, and the sky is the limit from there.

"After law school you can go anywhere. Maybe one day," she said, smiling, "I'll be the next Prime Minister."

If Lindsay has proven anything, it's that she can do anything she puts her mind to. She has excelled at school while juggling a multitude of volunteer commitments, including her involvement with the Terry Fox Run and The Giving Tree.

"Everything I've done is different. I like trying things, because that's the only way you know if you like it."

She has also been successful in holding down a part time job at Bailey McNichol Wilson Insurance, where she has become a respected and valued member of the team according to Penny Horne, a broker at the company.

"She's one of the hardest working people I've ever met. I've never seen a kid work as hard as this one," said Ms. Horne. "She's mature beyond her years, and she puts her heart and soul into everything she does."

Ms. Horne got the ball rolling by nominating Lindsay for the award through the Northumberland News, an honour she believes suits the youngster perfectly.

"It's nice to give her a leg up. She's going to do well, I know that."

For her part, Lindsay was honoured to be considered for the award and recognized for the hard work and dedication she has shown throughout her teen years.

"It will help me in the future. It all helps in some way."



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Lindsay Dunn, 17, of Grafton, a Grade 10 student at St. Mary's Secondary School, has been nominated for an Ontario Junior Citizen of the year award.

There's no doubt that Lindsay has crafted an impressive track record (and a sparkling resume) that will serve her well as she moves into the future. And a nomination for Junior Citizen of the Year is just another reason for her to be excited about what's coming next.

"You have to look ahead to the future to motivate yourself in order to get there."



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