

GDHS graduation recalls educational 'milestone'

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Herald Staff Writer
"I think I can safely say, both figuratively and literally, that Mike left big shoes for me to fill."
With that testimonial to his predecessor Michael Furlong, who retired last June after many years in town, new principal Don Baker launched his first commencement exercises at Georgetown District High School Saturday.
While friends, family and faculty filled the school cafeteria, 491 Grade 12 and 13

students accepted their graduation diplomas.
"At times that (graduation) objective might have appeared vague," Mr. Baker said, "but you are here today...and that diploma should make you feel good."
Among the graduating classes (about 150 students received Grade 13 honor diplomas while the balance were Grade 12 graduates), there was the high school's usual outstanding number of Ontario scholars—51 this year.
Barb Treviranus' work at



GDHS earned her three scholarships including an Ontario Scholarship (presented by the province's ministry of education to students with

an 80 per cent or better average in any six Grade 13 credits) and four awards.
Referring to the "I Love Georgetown" promotion, Mr. Baker said the graduating students reflect much of the spirit of that summer campaign, standing "for those values which show concern for the values of others."
Mr. Baker also praised the mutual caring and respect students and teachers share at the school, noting that it is a particularly "challenging task" to maintain those values

in an institution its size.
Representing the Halton Board of Education, Wards 3 and 4 (Georgetown) trustee Betty Fisher said years of perseverance by the staff and fellow students have given the grads the "tools and self-confidence to go on."
Valedictorian James Allan's brief but light-hearted address recalled card games with a coach and cowering under desks during a chemistry class, again emphasizing the closeness students and GDHS staff apparently enjoy.

The entire ceremony was a model of concision, lasting barely an hour and a half. And throughout, the high school band performed, sporting handsome new deep blue sweaters.
An unexpected presentation during the ceremony, which was followed by a banquet for the graduates and their guests, saw long-time GDHS teacher John Todd receive the Kent Kozack Memorial Award. After three years of failing to choose what it considers a worthy recipient, the school's student council chose to recognize Mr. Todd's efforts in promoting extra-curricular activities.
Grade 12 student Jeannette Brown was chosen to receive the Halton Hills Herald Award, which annually recognizes a student of commercial subjects who has entered the workforce after completing a four-year course.
Other special awards included:

FACULTY OF GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP to the Honor graduate who has achieved the highest proficiency. Louise Morwick.
J.L. LAMBERT PROFICIENCY AWARD from staff and former students in honor of Mr. Lambert's services as Principal from 1935 to 1965. It is given to a student for high proficiency in scholarship combined with good school citizenship. Derek Ferguson.
HALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION PROFICIENCY AWARDS to students obtaining high standing in each of the Grade 12 and Grade 13 graduating courses. It is awarded for general proficiency. **HONOR GRADUATE (GRADE 13)** Christopher Purdy.
AMY PEARCE AWARD to an honor graduate for general proficiency by the Rotary Annex of Georgetown. Douglas Fisher.
HYMAN SILVER MEMORIAL AWARDS to two honor graduates for general proficiency. Doug Gerris, Susan Ackroyd.

KINETIC CLUB OF GEORGETOWN MARGARET HIGHAM MEMORIAL AWARD to a girl honor graduate for high proficiency and excellent school citizenship. Barbara Treviranus.
I.O.D.E. COUNTESS OF STRATHMORE CHAPTER AWARD to the student who has made the most outstanding progress in the school year. John Thorpe.
UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB OF GEORGETOWN AWARDS.
A. To Year 5 honor female students, who have shown leadership in school and community activities and who are enrolling in accredited post-secondary institutions. Susan Arbuckle, Maureen McGowan.
B. To an honor female graduate who is deserving on the basis of performance (not necessarily high standing) and who is proceeding to College or University. Susan Krowchuk.

VERDUN REBEKAH LODGE AWARDS to the two students who have successfully completed Grade 13 and who will be continuing their education at a post secondary institution. Kevin Fitzgerald, Rebecca Halonen.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARD to the student who has obtained the highest standing in Sociology. Debbie Kesteloot.
A.M. BAXTER PLAQUE for the outstanding science student in Grade 13. Kevin Fitzgerald.
EDWARD P. HASSETT AWARD for outstanding proficiency in Grade 13 English. Susan Arbuckle.
STANDARD PRODUCTS AWARDS. 1. ART AWARD to the student who has exhibited
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A large number of GDHS grads received awards Saturday. The commencement exercises saw 491 Grade 12 and 13 students receive diplomas.

Joining the award winners were a large number of proficient Grade 12 students who excelled in their academic work last year while in Grade 11.



Among the graduates honored at Georgetown and District High School's commencement Saturday afternoon were these Ontario Scholars. Georgetown students picked up 51 of the scholarships this year and several students returned to the podium several times to collect other awards recognizing their

achievements in academics and extra-curricular activities. A banquet was held following the commencement.

(Herald photos by Chris Aagaard)

CHWO birthday

CHWO Radio in Oakville is inviting Halton residents to participate in its CHWO Radio Week Nov. 15 to 21. Town council endorsed a proclamation recognizing the radio station's silver anniversary. CHWO has served the area between Toronto and Hamilton since 1966.

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The Subsidiary Planning Board of the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a public meeting to present the PHASE III report of the DOWNTOWN STUDY PROGRAM for the communities of Acton and Georgetown. The foregoing will involve presentation of the consultant's final recommendation with respect to development policies which affect the downtown and surrounding areas, as well as presentation of a BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (BIA) BEAUTIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS WELCOME.

TUES. NOVEMBER 3rd 7:30 p.m.

Halton Hills Administration Building
Trafalgar Road — 7th Line
Halton Hills.

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