

Student Excellence honoured during Education Week

The Acton High School Safe Schools Action Team visited the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management's Integrative Thinking Program on Monday as part of Education Week celebrations by the Halton District School Board. The students and staff participated in a specially-designed workshop to develop problem-solving and leadership skills.

This year's theme is "Achieving Excellence in Education" and culminates tomorrow (Friday) with the annual Celebration of Student Excellence awards in Oakville. One student from each elementary and secondary school in the region is nominated by their principals to recognize outstanding qualities in academic, vocational, athletic, self-improvement, community work, citizenship or student leadership.

"Education Week provides a wonderful opportunity to profile the quality of educational opportunities offered to students," said David Euale, Director of Education for the Halton District School Board in a press release. "Our classroom teachers and support staff members take great pride in the demonstration of student engagement."

The Acton area Celebration of Student Excellence awards recipients include:

MEGAN ROHDE - LIMEHOUSE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Rohde, a Grade five student, is always eager to learn and consistently puts forth her best effort on all tasks and assignments, in the classroom and around the school. She sets high expectations for herself and works hard to achieve her goals. She is actively involved in all areas of the school and community; drama

club, grow it green club, peer mediator, track and field, volleyball, cross country, office helper, morning announcements, intramurals, to name a few.

Rohde will quietly take on leadership roles when working with her peers and always is respectful of other people's thoughts and opinions.

BRIAN SECORD - MCKENZIE-SMITH BENNETT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Secord, a Grade eight student, consistently demonstrates leadership, maturity, responsibility and citizenship. Brian shows dedication to his school work, and ensures he completes it with care and accuracy. He is kind and respectful to his peers and adults and is conscientious of their feelings. His care and compassion for others comes through his daily activities. He is willing to help out in all aspects of school life and seeks opportunities to develop his leadership. He is a participant in extra-curricular activities, both in the arts, academics, and athletics.

CURTIS HOPKINS - ROBERT LITTLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Hopkins, a Grade five student, is a natural leader who inspires confidence in others. He is well mannered, friendly, helpful and outgoing. Curtis shows dedication to his academic achievement and is a skilled athlete. He demonstrates great expertise at balancing his sports, active involvement in clubs, volunteer work and his studies. He serves as a strong ambassador and role model for excellence at Robert Little School.

AMIT MEHTA - ACTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Mehta is an outstanding Grade 12 student who has made many valuable contributions to Acton High School and to the community of Acton. He is an avid member



FAST FINISH: A new track with a digital finish line attracted a lot of Kub Cars competitors to Bethel Christian Reformed Church's annual Kub Car Rally and a chili cook-off on Saturday. - George Wang photo



MAKING MUSIC: When Acton parties, there is usually good music in the mix. During a Spring Fling jam last Thursday at the BIA open house, Billy Keys (keyboard) called the tunes (top photo). Friday night at Knox Church, Steve Michaels performed as Elvis. - Ted Tyler photos



of the music department and plays percussion in both the Concert and Jazz Bands. Mehta is a highly motivated and conscientious Honours student who excels in academics and always strives for self-improvement. He is a

long time member of the Acton Air Cadets, and recently was awarded the Peter Stickley Memorial Award as the Top Leadership Cadet in Ontario.

STEVEN MACDONNELL - BROOKVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Macdonnell, Grade seven, is a very successful learner who excels academically and has excellent work habits. He is exceptional in his willingness to help others, and he also looks for opportunities

to extend his own learning by asking questions and thinking critically. His involvement in the school includes high academic achievement, sports teams, the music program and student forum.