

Halton School boards honor student excellence

Student Excellence celebrated by Halton District School Board

Students representing each of the Halton District School Board's elementary and secondary schools will be honoured at the 29th annual Celebration of Student Excellence tonight (Thursday) at Craig Kielburger Secondary School, Milton, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Students will be recognized for demonstrating outstanding qualities in more than one of the following areas: academic, vocational, athletic, self-improvement, community work, citizenship and student leadership. Each elementary and secondary public school within the Halton District School Board nominates one of their students for this recognition. Students can only receive this honour once in their school career.

More than 500 parents, principals, trustees, teachers and school administrators are expected to take part in recognizing outstanding student achievement at this event.

"We welcome this opportunity to celebrate their success and to acknowledge the teachers, parents and community members who have helped these students

in their achievements," said David Euale, Director of Education for the Halton District School Board.

The local winners include:



**APRIL BRIDGE, GRADE 8
MCKENZIE-SMITH
BENNETT PUBLIC
SCHOOL**

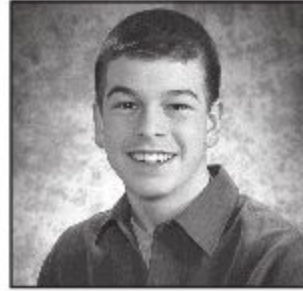
April consistently excels in academics in the French Immersion program. She is a positive, caring student and friend who is involved in sports and morning announcements. April has been a dedicated leader on our Safe School Action Team working to help make MSB a great place to be.



**JAIDYN POND, GRADE 5
ROBERT LITTLE
PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Jaidyn is a quiet leader, who possesses outstanding interpersonal skills. Her teachers describe her as a mature, self directed, dedicated student who is active in all aspects of school life. She is intrin-

sically motivated to be the very best she can be in the classroom and throughout the school community. Jaidyn Pond is truly an ambassador for our school in that she consistently models all of the qualities that we value.



**ZACH PLATER, GRADE 8
BROOKVILLE PUBLIC
SCHOOL**

Zach has consistently demonstrated very strong academic skills as well as solid learning skills at Brookville PS. Throughout his school career, Zach has always been actively involved in extra curriculums, like band and Student Forum. Additionally, Zach participates as a valuable player to the many teams he has played on and also demonstrates leadership in the school as a member of the Athletics Council.



**KYLIE WENGER, GRADE 5
LIMEHOUSE PUBLIC
SCHOOL**

Kylie is a happy and friendly grade 5 student at Limehouse Public School. She 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 is actively involved in all areas of the school and commu-

ity; athletics, clubs, office helper, Grade One reading buddy, Grow it Green leader, Choir member, office announcer, bus captain, to name a few.



**KEETHI KULENTHIRAN,
GRADE 12
ACTON DISTRICT HIGH**

Keethi is a curious, reliable, and highly conscientious student - strong academically and very civic-minded. Extra-curriculars include: Assisting behind-the-scenes for school drama productions, volunteering at Academic Awards Night, Student Council, White Pine Reading Club and the Semi-Formal Committee. She is very involved in local community: Homework Club at McKenzie-Smith Bennett P.S., the Even Start Morning Children's Program, the Acton Agricultural Society, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters Homework Club.

Catholic Board's Awards of Excellence

The Halton Catholic District School Board took great pride in hosting its annual Student Awards of Excellence Ceremony on Monday, April 29 at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School in Georgetown.

"The Student Awards of Excellence Ceremony provides a unique opportunity for us to gather as a Board to recognize the achievements of our stu-

dent honourees," says Diane Rabenda, Chair of the Board. "We are delighted to salute and congratulate the student award recipients on their noteworthy accomplishments."

On its twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of student excellence, the Board will honour the recipients of both the Sharing The Spirit Student Award of Excellence and the Spirit of Inclusion Award.

"As we approach Catholic Education Week, we celebrate the distinctive contribution that our Catholic schools make to the broader community," explains Michael Pautler, Director of Education. "The award recipients, through their daily interactions have demonstrated a commitment to serve their communities, and live their lives by Christ's example."

His Excellency Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, presided at the Celebration of the Eucharist for student award recipients and their families. The Christ the King Catholic Secondary School Concert Choir, under the direction of Sue File and Stephanie Colilli, sang at the Mass. The Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School Choir from Georgetown, under the direction of Rosanna McMullan and accompanied on piano by Elaine Schmidt, and Christ the King Catholic Secondary School students, performed as well.

One student representative from each elementary and secondary school received the Sharing The Spirit Student Award of Excellence and was presented with a medallion and certificate. The student recipients were nominated by their principal for having

demonstrated outstanding qualities in: Catholic leadership, family commitment, involvement in school affairs and community activities, as well as dedication to a difficult situation or task. Students may not be selected more than once for this award throughout their school career.

Each year, the Board's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) presents the annual Spirit of Inclusion Award to one elementary student and one secondary student. Each recipient received a plaque, having been selected by teachers and support staff for demonstrating an excellent attitude and spirit in dealing with challenges, causing others to be valued and included, recognizing and valuing schoolmates as unique individuals with a contribution to make to the community, demonstrate a commitment to school activities, and involvement in the spiritual life of the school.

The local winner is:



**NICOLE CASTELLINO
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL,
ACTON**

Nicole has shown consistent dedication and commitment to her school community through her role as the Environment Minister and her active involvement in social justice initiatives with the St. Joseph Student Parliament. She continues to grow and explore her faith while demonstrating a kind, patient and compassionate attitude toward others.



HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SEEKS A VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY MEMBER TO SERVE ON ITS AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Halton District School Board is seeking one community member with financial expertise and business knowledge to serve on its audit committee for a term ending December 2016.

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