

de Chastelain named Rhodes Scholar

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Georgetown native Kylie de Chastelain is Mount Allison University's newest Rhodes Scholar.

de Chastelain is one of 11 students across Canada selected for the prestigious post-graduate scholarship, valued at more than \$100,000 from England's University of Oxford.

The Georgetown District High School graduate is the 11th Mount Allison student in past 13 years to receive the award and one of 83 recipients worldwide in 2013 to earn it.

"I've had it on my mind as early as middle school when I had teachers encourage me to pursue it, but it's a very competitive process and something you could never expect to happen," said de Chastelain, who learned she had received the scholarship over the weekend.

"I am honoured and very thankful for all the people who supported me to help me get here."

Four years ago, when making a decision about whether to attend the University of Toronto or Mount Allison, de Chastelain chose the latter school in large part for its tightly-knit community of 2,500 students as an ideal learning environment.



KYLIE DE CHASTELAIN

"We are very proud of Kylie, whose academic and extracurricular activities and achievements are exceptional," says Mount Allison University President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Robert Campbell. de Chastelain will graduate this spring with an honours degree in Canadian studies and sociology, with plans to travel during the summer.

She has focused largely on Aboriginal studies during her time at Mount Allison and plans to continue her studies in politics and governance at Oxford. A career in law, with political aspirations, are things she'd like to pursue upon finishing her studies at Oxford.

"I am excited by what Oxford has to offer and look forward to studying in an international setting," added de Chastelain, whose mother Debbie was born in England and is a vice-principal in the Halton District School Board.

de Chastelain received research grants for various projects over the past two summers at Mount Allison. In 2013, she travelled to the Northwest Territories, where she participated in a field school, living with a community of Dene elders.

"It was a wonderful experience. I was able to observe and participate in many aspects of traditional Northern life—storytell-

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