## CELEBRATING OUR YQUTH

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**Special pullout section** 



More than 40 youth, honoured for their achievements, were on stage with Mayor Rick Bonnette.

## Halton Hills youth inspire with their achievements

The Town of Halton Hills celebrated International Youth Week, May 1-7, with a variety of events and the highlight being the MYAC (Mayor's Youth Action Committee) Youth Awards and Art Competition Ceremony held at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre on Tuesday,

The youth awards are given to individuals who are involved in the community at a capacity that benefits their peers and others as well as recognizing youth for their commitment to their education, the environment, the performing arts, sports, the community and their inspiration.

The awards winners are being recognized for promoting a positive image of young people and generating awareness of the value and the contributions youth can make.

Read about these youth on this and pgs. 2 & 4, as well as see the artwork created by the next generation of artists on pgs. 3 & 4.

## Youth Recognition Award Winners

ANDREW HILSON, CODY LYONS, EMILY BELBIN, ELIZABETH WILSON, HEATHER BRADSHAW, KAYLA SCHUMAKER, NICOLE WADDICK, MARIAH HANLIN, MARY-LYNN PEEL, **TAYLOR MATTHEWS AND ZEHRA RAJABALI** 

Recipients for this award have proven to be inspiring role models for their peers through their active participation in volunteerism and various initiatives.

These youth represent ideal role models through their high standing academics, volunteering at local organizations, their participation within their school such as members of the swim team or mentor program, their involvement with Inspire Halton events, coaching, local community events, and their school senates. Not only are these recipients promoting a positive image of youth but they are also making a different and contributing to the Halton Hills community.

## Sustainability Award Winners

ALEXSANDRA SPASEVSKI, AUTUMN BENFORD, CINDY DZIUBA, JODIE BRAGA, KELSEY XERRI, MADDIE SHIELL, LEAH MACGOWEN AND SYDNEY WELSH

Recipients demonstrate a passion for sustainability to improve the community and quality of life in Halton Hills.

We have a group of students from CtK who are members of the E-team, who run a series of environmentally friendly initiatives such as installing water bottle fill-up stations and awareness events. In addition, another recipient has been involved with Acton High School's Environmental SHSM and GDHS's green club where she has also had the chance to be a part of the organization, POWER.



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