

Local students honoured for excellence

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As their proud families and teachers watched, 86 Halton District School Board students, including five from the Acton area, received awards at the board's 16th annual celebration of student excellence in Oakville earlier this month.

One student was selected from each Halton elementary and secondary school - students who show exceptional qualities in at least two areas, including academics, vocational and athletic fields, self-improvement, community work, citizen and student leadership or specific criteria that reflect the school's unique priorities.

"This is an excellent opportunity to recognize the achievements and excellence of the young people in out schools today," said board chair Ethel Gardiner in a press release.

"It's through the ongoing efforts of our dedicated staff, parents and community members, working co-operatively in partnership, that we are able to ensure Halton's students receive the quality education that is needed to meet the challenges of the future."

Here's what the nominating principals had to say about their students.

Beth Clayton
Beth is a Grade 8 honour student at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School who participates in basketball, band, and student council. She works in the office and is a lunch

helper. Beth is an outstanding individual with integrity and patience.



Beth Clayton

Trisha Bingeman

Trisha, a Grade 5 student at Robert Little School, has consistently demonstrated a high commitment to her academic studies and extra curricular activities. She's an excellent role model and is respected by her peers and younger students. Staff has enjoyed working with her at each grade level.



Trisha Bingeman

Craig Harding

Craig, a Grade 8 student at Brookville School, is a well-rounded student who demonstrates quiet, positive leadership on the volleyball and basketball courts and in the classroom. He's an active member of the student forum, assists each night with bus duties and joins willingly in school events like Mardi Gras. Craig has demonstrated excellent academic results and is a role model for the entire school.

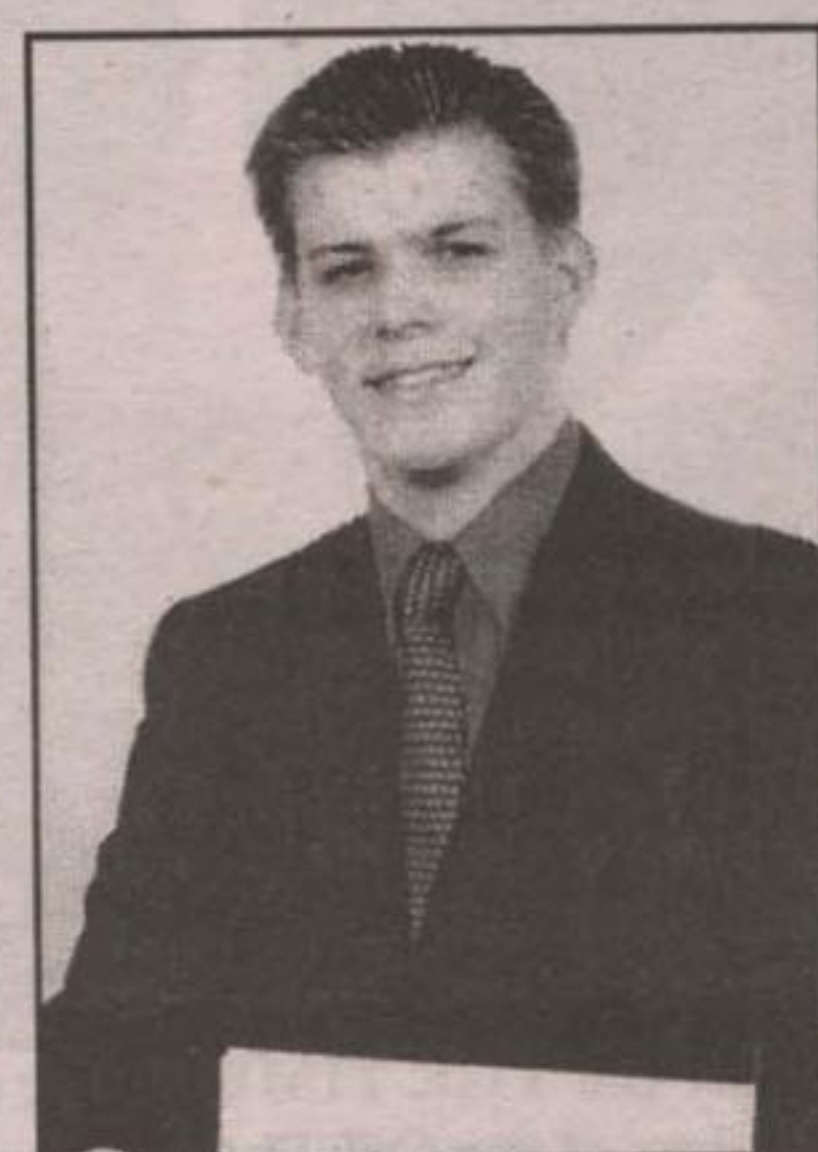


Craig Harding

James Mashinter

James has been an outstanding contributor to curricular and co-curricular programs at Acton High School during the past five year. A high honour student, James has been extensively involved in music band programs and school musical productions. He's been a leader and peer tutor with younger students and his highly admired by staff and fellow students. His citizen-

ship, high energy and drive and dedication to excellence have earned him this award.



James Mashinter

Darren Pezzack

Darren, a Grade 5 student at Limehouse School, demonstrates outstanding qualities in academics, athletics, citizenship and student leadership. Staff and students at Limehouse are happy to celebrate Darren's contributions and accomplishments.




Darren Pezzack

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