

Class of 2000 graduates from Acton High School

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With great pride, a hard-earned sense of accomplishment and, in some cases, great relief, the 92 graduates of the Class of 2000 held their commencement exercises at Acton High School on Friday night.

Surrounded by their families and friends, the grads received their diplomas and helped honour the students who received awards, scholarships and special recognition.

Principal Greg MacPherson said the graduate's efforts and contributions during the past five years made a significant impact to the heritage of the school with 22 honour graduates and

over \$34,000 in entrance scholarship and bursaries.

MacPherson urged the graduates to take up many of the challenges that face society today, a society where "knowledge will take a second priority to effective problem-solving, creativity, the use of new technologies, interpersonal skills and teamwork." "The adventure towards excellence in our future, in your future, is not for the faint of heart. It must be accompanied by energy, commitment, a passion for quality and a concern for each other," MacPherson told the grads, adding it will require them to take some risks, confident that they can make a difference.

Halton District School Board chair Ethel Gardiner said the students' success is

attributed to fine teachers and caring parents and told the students the only limits they face are the ones they set on themselves.

"No matter what course you set for yourself, keep an open mind, knowing the road you're on turns unexpectedly from time to time, and you just hold on until it straightens out." "A dream is merely a goal without a timeline, follow your dreams," Gardiner said.

The first award of the night – the Halton District School Board Award – was presented to Rachel Andrews for her outstanding academic achievement, volunteer work and exemplary attitude.

Multiple award winner, Nicola Garwood, received the Governor General's medallion for having an average of 90.2 per cent and the outstanding graduating scholar award.

After showing a homemade video of teachers talking about their favourite memories of the graduating class, valedictorian Daryn McIntyre, took the grads for a walk down memory lane and then urged them to love their work, whatever it is.

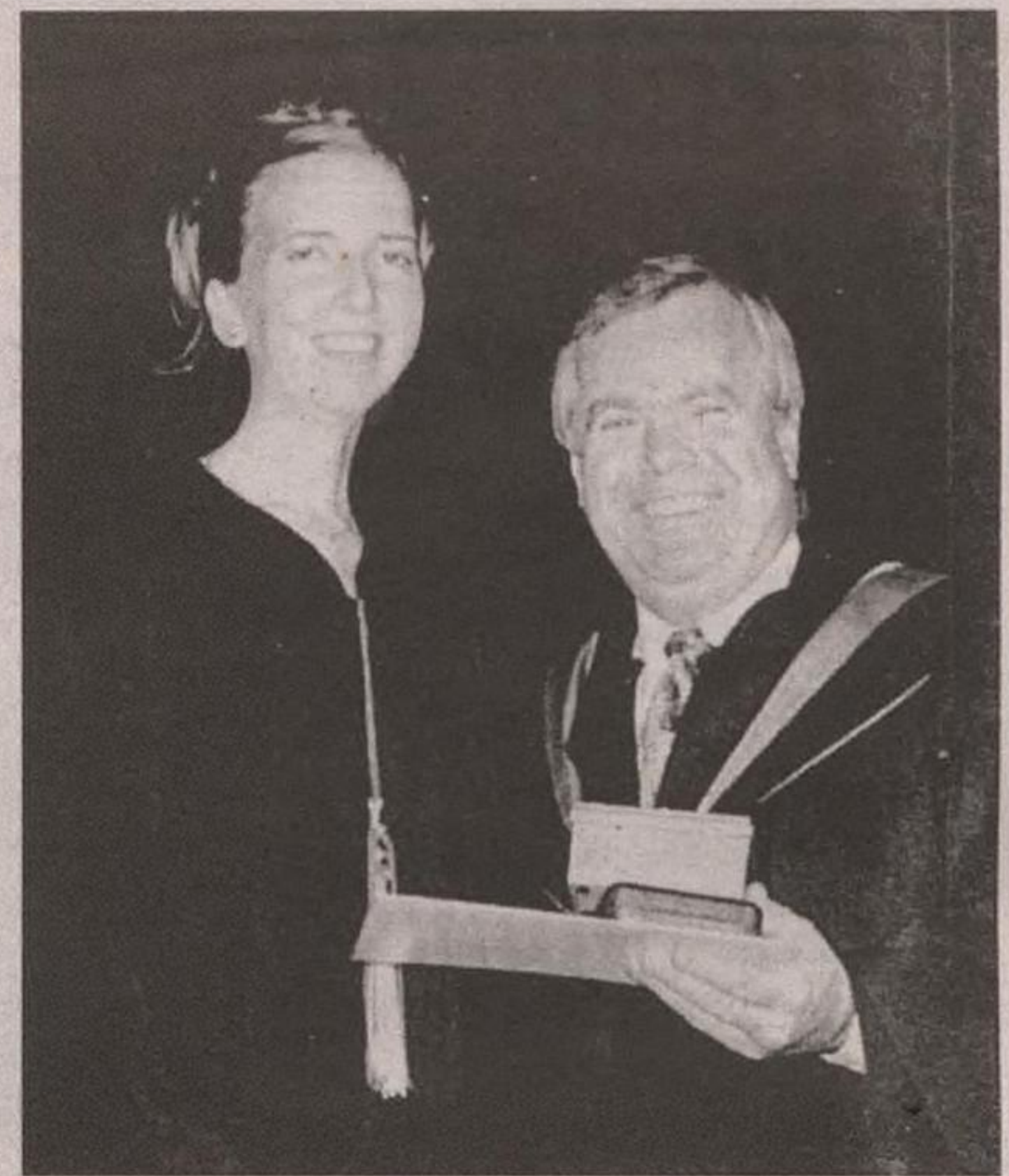
"Someone once said when you go to work, you shouldn't have to leave your

heart at home and I think that's true because if you don't love what you're doing, not only will your work suffer, you'll suffer, it will be a grind and you won't be happy," McIntyre said.

McIntyre also asked the crowd to join him in a moment silence for the three Acton teens who died recently in a train crash and the others who won't graduate.

McIntyre said there would come a time when the graduates looked back on their lives to this time.

"Here we are. We're young, healthy and we can be anything and do anything we want and have our whole lives in front of us. Don't waste your life with work and worry. Do the things that make you happy. Love one another and have fun, because really, that's all that matters."



ACADEMIC ACE: Acton High School graduate Nicola Garwood received many honours from principal Greg MacPherson at the school's commencement exercises on Friday night, including the Governor General's Academic Medal for having an average over 90.2 per cent. – Frances Niblock photo



BOUNTIFUL DONATIONS: Acton FoodShare food bank volunteer Eileen Dix (left), Cadet Steven Westerveld and Acton District Guide co-commissioner Linda Ellis were kept busy as the bags of donated food just kept coming – 9,671 pounds in all – during the annual Scout-Guide-Cadet food drive on Saturday. – Frances Niblock photo

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