

A celebration of

Each year, Halton public schools choose students to be honored at the board's Celebration of Student Excellence. These students exemplify outstanding qualities in academic, vocational and athletic fields, self-improvement, community work, citizenship and student leadership, or specific criteria that reflect the school's unique priorities.

Similarly, the Halton District Catholic School Board honored its outstanding students with its Sharing the Spirit student awards ceremony. Students selected demonstrated Catholic leadership, family commitment, involvement in school and community activities and commitment to a difficult situation or task.

Writer Emily Thompson has compiled this report on each of the 19 children,

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MATT SCHILLER

Matt Schiller

Acton High School

Matt has been an outstanding student at Acton High during the past five years. He is a gifted student academically as well as a talented actor and musician. He is a Student Council executive member, and demonstrates superb interpersonal skills, working well with

both students and staff.

Matt generously gives of his time as stage manager, light and sound crew member, and sound director. A dedicated, helpful student, he is highly respected by his peers and teachers.



KELLY PARTON

Kelly Parton

Bishop Reding

Students receiving the Sharing the Spirit award participate in activities and exemplify the Catholic school philosophy, and Kelly Parton is no exception says principal Leta Yarema. Kelly's activities include peer tutoring, swimming, cross country, student

government and grad committee. A good team player, she applies herself in everything she does. "The staff feel she's been a caring and helpful student, and they respect and think highly of



JENNIFER DENNIS

Jennifer Dennis

Brookville

Principal Rick Nodwell describes Jennifer as hard working and well rounded. "She's a good role model with a good sense of humor," he says. A top student academically, Jennifer has the solid support of her teachers. She is also heavily involved in extra-curriculars, playing sports and participating in the school forum, where she helps organize spirit days and dances for the other students.

"She's a true representative of the school," he says. "She's an example of what we believe in— excellence."



PAMELA VANHANEN

Pamela Vanhanen

Centennial

Pamela is described as a wonderful young lady by her principal, Chris Logan. "I've watched her be a good, involved, Centennial student." Whether she's helping fund-raising efforts, or just around the school, Pam is always there to help out. Involved in athletics, and stage crew she is always positive, very proactive and likeable. "She's always happy, always with a smile on her face." A good student, she is well respected by her peers.



DAVINA TAYLOR

Davina Taylor

Georgetown High School

Principal Marie Jacobs says Davina "is well-respected and well liked, she's an all-round person and student." Davina is also described as a model of excellence. She has won many academic awards in French, science, math contests and overall proficiency. She has also received the top co-curricular award for participation. Davina is heavily involved in soccer and basketball, showing her leadership skills as team captain and MVP. She is also gifted musically, playing tuba and trumpet in the Wind Ensemble.



BRADLEY RICHARDS

Bradley Richards

George Kennedy

Bradley was chosen to be Student of Excellence because of his excellent qualities in academics, athletics and leadership says principal Chris Jefferson. He tutors younger students in All Star Reading, participates in soccer and track, and does morning announcements "always with a positive sense of humor," she says. Bradley was chosen because he's an all-round successful student with a good attitude. "He's a model to all our students."



NATALIE MCKENZIE

Natalie McKenzie

Glen Williams

Grade 5 student Natalie was selected because of her strong academic performance and positive attitude. "She is a caring, considerate member of our school community," says Mary Lyons, principal. "Natalie approaches everything she does with caring and commitment and is an excellent role model for younger students." Natalie's extra-curricular activities include cross country, relays and Battle of the Books.



GRAHAM KALIL

Graham Kalil

Harrison

Graham, a Grade 5 student, is described by his teachers as a polite, cheerful student whose presence at Harrison has been appreciated by staff and students alike.

He demonstrates a wide range of interests, participating in the choir, the ukulele club, in puppet making, volleyball and drama. He also acts as a primary lunch room monitor and office assistant. Graham has exhibited outstanding leadership and citizenship qualities, and is an excellent representative and role model for all Harrison children.



RYAN PYNE

Ryan Pyne

Holy Cross

Ryan is a Sharing the Spirit award winner because, as vice-principal Doug MacDougall describes him, he is a caring, giving and very responsible student; "we can count on him whenever we need him." As an office helper, Ryan's reliability is an asset. He is also described as an excellent volunteer who lends a helping hand to younger students, acting as a lunch supervisor. "He is an excellent student academically, emotionally and spiritually."

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