

Gary Allan grads celebrate success

Sixty-three students were honoured at a graduation and awards ceremony at the Halton Hills' campus of Gary Allan High School last Thursday. The students were from the Secondary Teen Education Program (STEP), the Teen Education and Motherhood program (TEAM) and the adult self-reliant program and ranged in ages from 17 to 60.

Although the ages, backgrounds, and life experiences of all of the students are very different in many ways, on this night they all shared a common and very special experience...the pride and joy in knowing that a goal, the achievement of an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, has been successfully accomplished.

Families, friends and

staff filled the gym as everyone shared in the excitement of the celebration. Each well-earned diploma not only recognized the hard work of the individual, but reflected the support and encouragement that family and friends provided. Along with the diplomas, many students were also honoured with awards that were made possible by individual donations, donations from the Kiwanis Club of Georgetown, the Georgetown Lions Club, and a monetary award from the Halton Learning Foundation. The awards recognized academic achievement, perseverance, leadership and the significant contribution of individuals to the Gary Allan High School community.



GREAT GRADS: These graduates were among the 63 students who were honoured at the Gary Allan High School graduation and awards ceremony last week in Georgetown. – Submitted photo

With this milestone achieved, many of the graduates have already set

new goals for themselves. Some will go on to college, university or apprentice-

ships while others will enter new careers. No matter what their next goal, all of the graduates can feel pride in their achievements and confidence in their ability to reach the goals they set for themselves.

Officials said congratulations to all the graduates and, to those thinking about finishing high school, consider becoming a student at Gary Allan High School in the fall.

Take kids on a reading safari this summer – in the jungle

This summer, reading with a flashlight under the covers and imagining

lions and tigers and monkeys, will be a fun way for kids to keep up with

their reading skills thanks to the TD Summer Reading Club. TD encourages kids to embrace the joys of reading – and this summer, they'll explore the jungle of their imagination.


Now in its fifteenth year, the TD Summer Reading Club in partnership with the Toronto Public Library and Library and Archives Canada, launched its 2010 program today. Kids across Canada are invited to take a journey to "Destination Jungle," where tales of exotic lands and tropical environments will inspire them and their families to read more during the summer months. The TD Summer Reading Club is a fun and complimentary program geared to kids

ages four-13 and is offered through their local public library. Developing a love of reading in children early on is an investment that lasts a lifetime.

"Statistics show Canadian kids aren't reading enough: four in 10 youths have insufficient reading skills," says Frank McKenna, Deputy Chair, TD Bank Financial Group and TD's Literacy Champion. "We can help make an improvement by encouraging more children to read at a younger age. The TD Summer Reading Club is a fun and engaging approach to helping Canadian families foster a love of reading during the summer months and for many years beyond."



ACE STUDENT: McKenzie-Smith Bennett School graduate Bronte Bean was the valedictorian and received the Principal's Award from Principal Sharon French at the school's graduation ceremony last Thursday at the Legion. – Submitted photo



Tia McQuarrie
Congratulations
Good Luck
at
Guelph University!

Love
Nancy, Mark,
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Election Audit

A new three-person Town committee will be charged with ensuring the campaign finances of municipal election candidates in Halton Hills are transparent and more accountable to voters.

Council approved striking an election compliance audit committee – a quasi-judicial group whose members have in-depth knowledge of municipal campaign finance rules – in order to investigate any complaints from voters about candidates' campaign spending.

The Town will advertise for the committee positions – it is looking for Chartered Accountants, lawyers or management accountants – who will be paid \$85 per meeting. Any voter who believes a candidate has contravened the Election Act relating to finances may apply for a compliance audit of a candidate's election finances. If there is no merit to the audit application, the applicant must cover the auditors' costs.



We are proud to announce the Graduations of



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from the
University of Waterloo
with an
Honours Bachelor of Arts
in
Social Development Studies

and



Christine Porterfield
from
McGill University
with a
Joint Honours Bachelor of Arts
in
Anthropology and Religious Studies