

Local student and school get Vision Canada awards

A Milton student and a local school have been presented with Vision Canada 2000 awards.

From Brookville School, grade 6 student Freya Lloyd won in the grades 4 to 6 category for her brochure on astronaut Dr. Roberta Bondar.

And in the grades 1 to 5 group category, Martin Street Public School won for a video called 'The Canada Goose and the

Millennium Bug'.

The awards are designed to recognize artistic or academic talent in students from kindergarten to OAC.

This year, 27 projects on Canadian topics earned awards for Halton kids.

A ceremony and reception for award winners was held June 5 at Halton Regional headquarters in Oakville.

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First students graduate from alternative school program

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The Champion

For some students, alternative education is a step up from attending regular high school classes.

And last week, three of those students officially graduated from Milton's debut Secondary Teen Education Program (STEP).

It provides students between the ages of 16 and 24 years with an opportunity to earn their high school diploma independently.

"Some have been asked to leave their high school and they need an option or an alternative," said STEP administrator Barb Saxby. "This would be recommended by their guidance depart-

ment."

Last Friday morning, Dan Bunt, Josh Cluney and Kristen Townley all graduated in a small ceremony held at Milton Baptist Church.

"This is something some of them thought might not happen," said Ms Saxby.

That was the case for Ms Townley, 18, who knew as early as grade 9 that high school wasn't for her.

"I didn't think I'd actually get it finished," she said.

So she doesn't regret switching her education at Milton District High School for STEP.

"We all got along well and the teachers were helpful," said Ms Townley.

"The teachers were really there for you. They'd help with per-

sonal problems as well."

This year, 18 students were enrolled in the STEP program.

Teachers are hired by the Halton Board of Education. Some work with STEP part-time, coming in to teach one course before heading back to their full-time job.

Classes take place at X-Scape Youth Centre on Mill Street and last half a day.

That allows students to be employed while they pursue their diploma.

The program is already in place in surrounding communities such as Oakville and Burlington.

Last week's grads entered the church to piped-in music, decked out in the traditional graduate gown.

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Next forum will look at hate crimes

Only weeks after the successful completion of their Victim-Less community policing conference, organizers have already set their sights on next year's event.

Subtitled 'Hate-Less', the September, 2001 forum will focus on hate crimes. To that end, speakers and people with expertise on the subject are needed to participate.

Those interested in taking part or who have ideas are encouraged to contact Sgt. Ray Hendry at 825-4747, ext. 5064.

Victim-Less took place May 12 and 13 at Regional headquarters with guest lecturers covering everything from partner abuse and the changing environment for educators to organized crime.

Halton Regional Police hosted the seminar in conjunction with CAVEAT (Canadians Against Violence Everywhere Advocating its Termination), the Halton Rape Crisis Centre, the Halton Regional Health Department and the Community Consultation Committees of Halton.

Golf tourney for hospital

The Milton District Hospital Foundation will celebrate 20 years of above-par performance with an anniversary golf tournament September 11 at Granite Ridge Golf Club.

A \$125 registration fee, or \$500 per foursome, will cover the cost of green fees, power carts, lockers, a dinner buffet and the chance to win great prizes.

The event will kick off with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. followed by a team best ball format at 1:30 p.m.

Hole sponsorship opportunities are available for \$200. Tee or green sponsorship costs \$100. Donations to the prize table are also welcomed.

Interested participants are asked to pick up a registration form or call 876-7014.