

University fairs to be held in Oakville

Senior high school students can learn about what post-secondary opportunities await them at a pair of university information evenings in Oakville.

Holy Trinity Secondary School will host two university fairs in the gymnasium of the Oakville school at 2420 Sixth Line.

Grade 12 students from Catholic, public and private schools in the Niagara, Hamilton, Halton and Peel regions are invited to attend.

Tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. Holy Trinity will host the Ontario University Fair, where representatives from all 21 universities in Ontario will be present.

On Tuesday, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the school will host the Atlantic University Fair, where representatives from Canada's East Coast universities will be present.

The fairs will provide an opportunity for students and their parents to speak one-on-one with representatives from the universities.

In addition, students who are interested in learning more about specific programs offered at the post-secondary level are welcome to join.

For more information, email guidance counselor Charles LoPresti at loprestic@hcdsb.org.



St. John Ambulance Medical First Responder volunteers (from left) Vincenzo Cicero, Gregory Repac, Ashley Mitchell, Joshua Tucker, and Julian D'Errico show their Life Saving Awards. *Nikki Wesley / Metroland West Media Group (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog)*

First responders awarded for life-saving attempts

Five St. John Ambulance volunteers were recognized last week with awards for their efforts in attempting to save people's lives in two incidents.

The first incident was on September 16, 2012, when three volunteers of Saint John Ambulance Milton/Halton Hills Medical First Responder Division were stationed at Chudleigh's apple farm for a special event.

They responded to reports of a woman found unconscious in the washroom.

Milton residents Joshua Tucker, Ashley Mitchell and Julian D'Errico found the woman and concluded that her vital signs were absent. They started CPR and then used an automated external defibrillator (AED) for 11 minutes. The AED was attached, but no shock was advised.

The three volunteers rotated, continuing CPR and monitoring the AED.

When paramedics arrived on the scene, the three worked in conjunction with them until the woman was transported to Milton District Hospital.

The patient didn't survive but nonetheless, the efforts of the three to save a life were noble and deserving of this special recognition, said St. John Ambulance Oakville-Milton and Halton Hills Branch manager Tim Bauer.

Tucker, Mitchell and D'Errico were given life-saving awards and AED pins.

In the second incident, Gregory Repac and Vincenzo Cicero, both Saint John Ambulance Milton/Halton Hills Medical First Responder Division volunteers, were at the 2013 Scotiabank Carabana in Toronto in August when they were dispatched to respond to an 18-year-old man who had fallen from a parade float and had been run over by a vehicle.

Arriving first on scene, the pair found the victim unresponsive and his vital signs were absent.

According to Bauer, police initiated CPR but Cicero soon took over chest compressions while a Toronto EMS medic, assisted directly by Repac, attempted to establish an advanced airway.

Repac and the medic made two attempts to establish an airway, both failing due to the victim's extensive trauma. Cicero continued chest compressions until EMS attached and initiated the use of an AED without success. Repac then assisted with back-boarding of the patient.

It was a difficult location to work in as both men were surrounded by hundreds of bystanders, Bauer noted. The victim didn't survive. Due to the hazardous circumstances, both men were recognized with the gold lifesaving award.

The awards were presented during a ceremony at Country Heritage Park.



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