

# School boards honour top students

Some of the brightest and best public school students in Halton will be publicly honoured tonight (Thursday) at the Halton District School Board's 26th annual Celebration of Student Excellence at Milton District High School.

More than 500 proud parents, principals, trustees, teachers and school administrators will help recognize outstanding student achievement at this event that will honour 97 elementary and high school students who possess exceptional qualities in at least two of the following areas: academic, vocational and athletic fields, self-improvement, community work, citizenship and student leadership, or specific criteria that reflects the school's unique priorities.

Wayne Joudrie, Director of Education for the Halton District School Board, said the event recognizes the outstanding achievements of the young people in Halton schools.

"Parents, teachers, and community members all contribute to helping these students achieve in various endeavors. We welcome this opportunity to acknowledge their successes," Joudrie said in a press release.

**The awardees include:**



**James Bursa**  
Robert Little  
Public School

Bursa exemplifies all the qualities of a true Student of Excellence. Described as a very caring young man who never hesitates to help others, Bursa quietly and consistently displays outstanding leadership qualities in the school and

the community. He models a high level of commitment to the numerous extra curricular activities.



**Jordan Lenz**  
McKenzie-Smith Bennett

Lenz is a student who represents all round excellence at MSB. Her involvement in co-curriculars - sports, band, student council, clubs and teams - is deep and wide. She is exemplary in her academic achievement.

She is a leader by example and a great role model for other students.



**Larissa Peck**  
Brookville

Peck is a member of Student Forum Executive, which provides the voice of students in the school and at School Council meetings. A member of both the volleyball and basketball teams, as well as being a member of our school band and Eco Council, Peck is motivated to succeed and this is reflected in her strong academic achievements and extra-curricular pursuits.

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**Beth Rohde**  
Limehouse  
Public School

Rohde is described as a quiet leader, who possesses outstanding interpersonal skills. Her teachers said she is a mature, self-directed and dedicated student who is active in all aspects of school life. Rohde strives

to achieve excellence in the classroom, in the gym, and with her volunteer roles throughout the school.



**Kalsey Smith**  
Acton District  
High School

Smith is a Grade 12 student, who has maintained her Honours standing academically throughout her high school career. An enthusiastic and talented athlete, she has been a key player for Bearcat teams in volleyball, basketball,

track & field and badminton. She also found time to swim for the Acton Aqua Ducks. In school, Smith acted as an effective Peer Tutor, and in the community, she has volunteered time in her church nursery.

The Halton District Catholic School Board held its 22nd annual "Sharing the Spirit" student excellence awards on April 26 in Georgetown.

**The local recipients include:**



**Joshua Beaune**  
St. Joseph School

Beaune was recognized because he consistently displays the qualities that the staff of St. Joseph's strive to foster including a willingness to help peers and compassion for others - both testaments to his faith.

Beaune leads by example through his respectful positive attitude, excellent academic results and leadership in environmental and school safety issues.



**Rose Schmidt**  
Christ the King  
Secondary School

Schmidt, of Limehouse, is an honours student who believes in the beauty and responsibility of sharing the Word of the Lord with her peers, teachers and family. Her involvement at Holy Cross in the choir and as an Extraordinary

Minister and her school involvement in the Pro-Life club and the Social Justice committee at Christ the King model this faith in action.



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