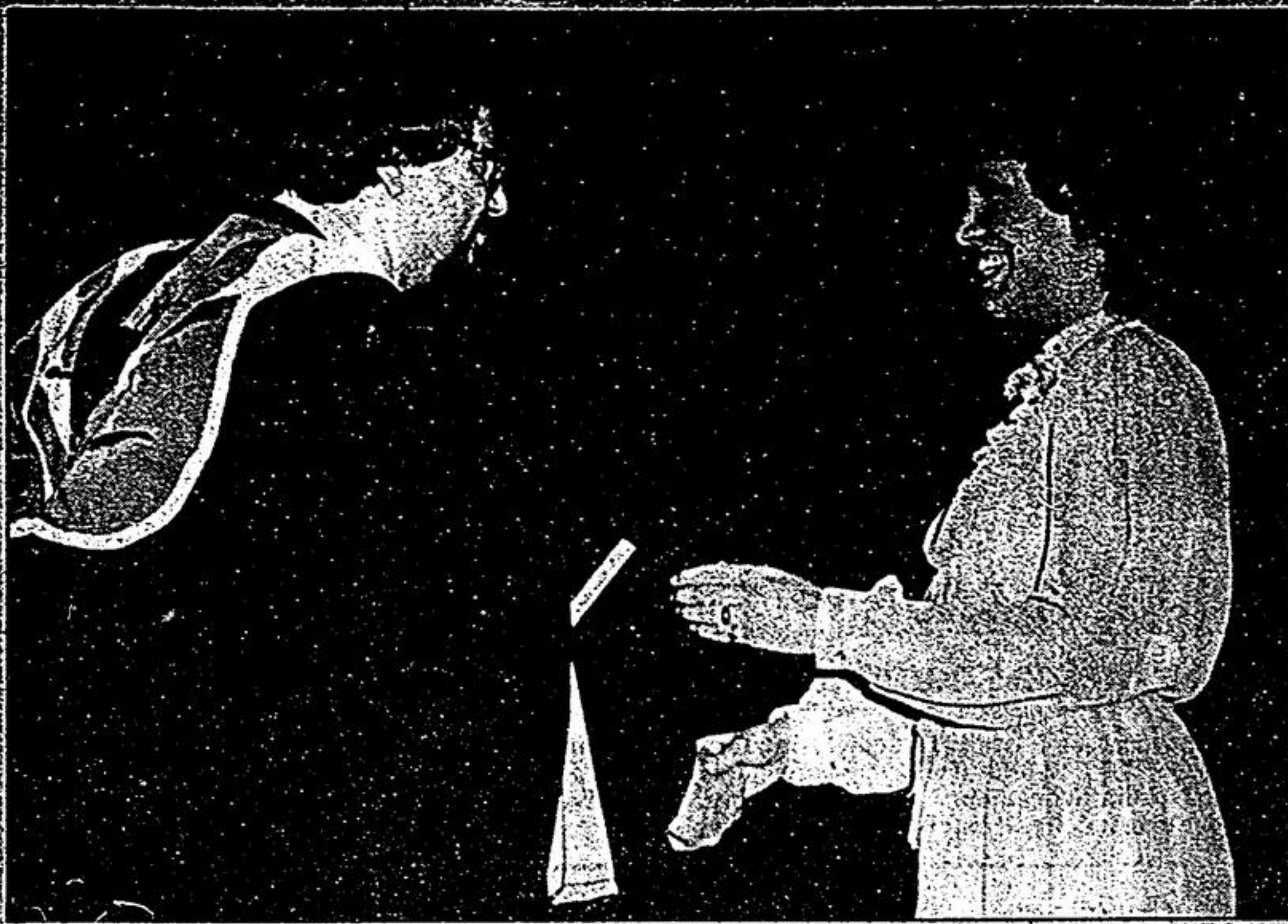


Honor top academic students at High School Commencement



Whitechurch-Stouffville's top secondary school students were honored Friday night when S.D.S.S. held its annual Commencement Exercises.



Christina Nugent receives her Honor Graduation Diploma from Principal John Nikiforuk.



Some Grade 12 graduates have obtained business positions or are attending community colleges while others are enrolled in their fifth year at S.D.S.S.; Lea Von Zuban receives her Grade 12 diploma from former Vice-Principal Robert Krol.



Evelyn Keuken (right) receives the Stouffville Women's Institute Award from President Mary Davidson.



Christina Watters (left), Russell Avenue, Stouffville, receives her Commencement Night corsage from Karina Bates, R.R. 15, Unionville.



Chris Ferguson (right) received several awards Friday including a Five Year Honor Bar from staff teacher Bruce Johnston.

Go on to higher learning



Jim Ku was York Region's top academic student with an average of 98.3 percent. He receives his Grade 13 diploma from Principal John Nikiforuk.



KARIM MEYER, Student Council President at S.D.S.S. last year, receives a Grade 12 diploma from Area 2 Superintendent J. Ferguson.

STOUFFVILLE — Forty-nine Grade 13 graduates received diplomas when Stouffville Dist. Secondary School held its Commencement Exercises Friday night.

What are these students doing now?

Thanks to the co-operation of staff teacher Neville Hodgson, The Tribune was able to trace the whereabouts of most grads, some located in colleges and universities many miles from town and others fully employed in the Stouffville area. The list follows:

- GILLIAN ALDERTON - University of Guelph;
- MICHAEL ANDERSON - University of Western Ontario, London;
- WENDY ANDERSON - University of Western Ontario, London;
- ANNE ASA - University of Toronto;
- CHRIS BAGGS - University of Guelph, (beginning in January);
- KARINA BATES - Sales clerk at Chez Valli, (planning on attending university next year);
- PAUL CHARRON - Apprentice electrician for Guid Electronics, Toronto;
- KEVIN DRUDGE - Canadian Mennonite Bible College;
- RAPHAEL DUBE - Ryerson Polytechnical Institute;
- SARAH DUNCAN - University of Guelph;
- DAVID ELLIOTT - University of Guelph;
- CHRISTOPHER FERGUSON - University of Toronto;
- PAMELA FRISBY - Laurentian University, Sudbury;
- GILLIAN HEWITT - University of Guelph;
- ANGELA HOWES - University of Waterloo;
- JAMES KU - University of Toronto;
- DAVID LOWE - Ryerson Polytechnical Institute;
- JOSIE MAIO - University of Toronto;
- ELAINE MARSHALL - Queen's University, Kingston;
- LUZ MEYER - University of Guelph;
- BRIAN MOORE - Seneca College, Toronto;
- SANDY NEWMAN - Parkview Home, Stouffville, (planning to attend university next year);
- CHRISTINA NUGENT - full-time employment, (planning to attend university next year);
- PENNY PALMER - Queen's University, Kingston;
- GANESH PERSAUD - University of Western Ontario, London;
- KATHLEEN POTTS - McMaster University, Hamilton;
- SURESH PRASHAD - York University, Toronto;
- GLEN PYKE - University of Waterloo;
- CRISTINA REA - University of Toronto;
- FRED ROBERTS - Durham College, Oshawa;
- COLETTE RUTHERFORD - Queen's University, Kingston;
- SHANE RUTHERFORD - Trent University, Peterborough;
- BERNIE SCHOPF - University of Western Ontario, London;
- KATHRYN SCOTT - McMaster University, Hamilton;
- JANICE TILLER - full-time employment;
- JONATHAN TINKER - Hailybury School of Mining, EMANUELE TOMAINI - University of Waterloo;
- SEAN TORRINGTON - Sir Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo;
- TANYA TOWNEND - University of Guelph;
- JEROEN VERHOOG - employed in the family business, Stouffville;
- JANE WAGG - Ryerson Polytechnical Institute;
- CATHERINE WALLACE - Centennial College, Toronto;
- JULIA WALLACE - University of Western Ontario, London;
- ELIZABETH WHITE - staff employee at Stouffville A & P;
- COLIN WIDFIELD - University of Western Ontario, London;
- KIM WYN-DHAM - York University, Toronto.

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Luz Meyer Scholarship

STOUFFVILLE — Luz Meyer, a Grade 13 graduate from Stouffville Dist. Secondary School and an Ontario Scholar, has been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by the University of Guelph.

The announcement and presentation were made at Commencement Exercises Friday night.

Luz, a resident of Bloomington and an outstanding all-round student in her years at S.D.S.S., is enrolled in a psychology course at Guelph University.

In addition, Luz also received a Five Year Honor Bar and the Legion Ladies Auxiliary Award.

Challenges classmates

STOUFFVILLE — "We are past the preparation stage. We are on the threshold of what is an unbounded future. But, we must have the commitment to follow through. The 'Class of '85' can do it if we are resolved in heart and mind to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."

Such was the challenge contained in the valedictory address delivered by Ganesh Persaud at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School's Commencement Exercises, Friday.

He was accorded a standing ovation by his classmates.

The University of Western Ontario student and Ontario Scholar, spoke of the honor that was his in representing his Grade 13 friends on stage. "To be a member of this group was, in itself, a great privilege," he said, "espe-

cially in the light of the record year we enjoyed."

Ganesh pointed to the fact the class included a student, (Jim Ku), with the highest Grade 13 average, (98.3%), in York Region, plus twenty Ontario Scholars, a number unequalled at S.D.S.S.

He also touched on the school's tremendous athletic accomplishments with championships recorded by both boys' and girls' teams.

Ganesh urged his student audience not to rest on these laurels but instead to "reach out and grasp firmly what you enjoy most."

Now is the time to make the best possible product of our lives. The chance is ours — here and now. We must not let our talents rust, but rather have them shine in us," he said.

The class valedictorian did not overlook what he described as "the less conspicuous group of people assembled here tonight."

our families, our teachers and our friends. Ganesh paid special tribute to the parents who, he said, "deserve sincere gratitude. You supported us in all of our triumphant achievements, especially when we needed help to pull through a low point in our lives. Every parent here this evening has a right to feel proud."

Ganesh praised the assistance provided by the teaching staff, mentioning specifically Mr Hodgson and Mr Rehill.

As a member of the Georgian Bay Secondary School Association, championship senior volleyball team, he said he would always regard that accomplish-

ment as a highlight of his high school career.

Ganesh spoke of "the many unforgettable times spent together" as a Grade 13 class, accumulating memories "that will be stored in our minds for years."

He called it "an unbreakable bond."

With respect to academic accomplishments, Ganesh warned that education alone is not enough. "There is more to be done," he said, "but those things that are to be done, only we ourselves can do. To win success, we will need, in addition to bright, intelligent minds, ambition and a strong determination to work hard."

"The 'Class of '85' can do it," he concluded, "if we are resolved in heart and mind to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."