

They're the best

Durham Board of Education officials honored the top students in the region recently at a special ceremony in Ajax. Three of the students came from Uxbridge Secondary School. Shown here with their awards are Amanda Dacey and Beth Sheridan. Both are active in swimming and are involved with a number of extra activities at school. — Jim Thomas



Top teens honored by school officials

DURHAM REGION — "We're proud of our education system in Durham Region," Board Chairperson Sandra Lawson told an audience of proud parents at Harwood Secondary School, Ajax, recently, "your young people play a major role in its success."
Mrs. Lawson, one of several platform guests, was addressing a group of 52 'select' students from eighteen high schools across the Region.

The occasion was the third annual Durham Student Recognition Night, April 13. Three students were selected from each of eighteen secondary schools on the basis of Involvement and Service.

Candidates from Uxbridge were — Amanda Dacey, 18, of Grade 12; Doug Irvine, 18, of Grade 12 and Beth Sheridan, 18, of Grade 13.

Candidates from Pickering were — Tammy Larmand, 17, and Cathy Sattleburger, 18, both of Grade 12.

Candidates from Brock were — Elizabeth Anderson, Christine Link and Angela Topping, and from Dunbarton — Costa Caristou, Saudia Crossfield and Greg Van Sickle.

Heather Beveridge, vice chairperson, Durham Board of Education, assisted in the presentation of engraved plaques.

Comments related to the three Uxbridge award recipients follow:

AMANDA DACEY, Cedar Street, Uxbridge — is an active participant in school and community life. She's employed by Uxpool and is an instructor and coach for the swim team. Her artistic talents have served her well in her design of posters for the local Optimists' Club. Mandy is an advisor to the Student Council and in charge of selling all uniforms and school clothing. She's a head cheerleader, a participant in the Track Club and on the Badminton Team.

BETH SHERIDAN, Bell Street, Uxbridge — is a strong supporter of all school teams and clubs both as a player and as a team manager. Sports include basketball, swimming, the band and soccer. She's treasurer of the Student Council. She works at Uxpool as an instructor and lifeguard. She swims on the community and school teams. She's a leader in her church Youth Group.

DOUG IRVINE, Bell Street, Uxbridge — is an energetic, community-minded man. He coaches House League hockey and serves on the Uxbridge Minor and Youth Hockey executives. He's a director on the board of Uxpool and assists both the Lions and Kinsmen with community activities. He's a member on the executive of a new handicapped activity group called Supercruisers. Doug manages the school Cross-Country Team; assists with the T.R. class and with dances. He's the timekeeper at many sports events; assists as a cashier in the cafeteria and reports school activities for the Uxbridge Times Journal.

Volunteer awards presented

Forty-nine volunteers nominated by 15 local organizations received Voluntary Service Awards from the Ministry of Citizenship and the Ministry of Culture and Communications at a ceremony April 18.

Presentations took place at the McMichael Gallery, Kleinburg. Volunteers received trillium-shaped bronze, silver and gold-tone lapel pins and personalized certificates acknowledging five, 10, 15 and more years of service.

The following within The Tribune's coverage area were honored:

Mary Champion, Windridge Drive, Markham, (17 years); John Grant, Ramona Blvd., Markham, (7 years); Ernie Carruthers, Goodwood, (15 years); Murray Grove, R.R. 2, Stouffville, (10 years); Walter Hope, R.R. 3, Stouffville, (15 years); Murray Reesor, R.R. 1, Markham, (25 years); Dorothy Reesor, R.R. 1, Markham, (15 years); Nelson Smith, R.R. 2, Markham, (25 years); Wm. Monahan, Strathroy Crescent, Markham, (15 years); Elizabeth Monahan, Strathroy Crescent, Markham, (15 years); Paul Burkholder, R.R. 1, Markham, (25 years); Louise Brill, Captain Rolph Blvd., Markham, (11 years); Reta Alcorn, R.R. 1, Gormley, (5 years); Sydney Cooper, R.R. 1, Gormley, (5 years); Flicka Elliott, R.R. 3, Newmarket, (16 years); Ruth Pogue, R.R. 4, Stouffville, (5 years); Jim Rae, Manitoba Street, Stouffville, (5 years); Frances Walker, R.R. 3, Newmarket, (16 years); Linda McNamara, R.R. 4, Stouffville, (5 years); Jim West, Second Street, Stouffville, (5 years).

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