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Sandra Zollner (left) and Stephen De Vries took home business course awards



Valedictorian Graham Wilson of R.R. 2, Uxbridge with Principal Jennifer Beal



Michelle Tartu (left) won the top music award and Alisa Whittaker won the top band award

Uxbridge students reunited as grads

Mike Wideman accepted his diploma from principal Jennifer Beal



Phys. ed. teacher Phil Morza presents Julie Henderson with her diploma

Uxbridge grads make the grade

Outstanding Students Lisa Hord, R.R. 1, Uxbridge and Michael Nidd, Jonathan Street, Uxbridge, were awarded for their scholastic efforts last Friday when Uxbridge Secondary School held its commencement exercises.

Lisa, 19, currently enrolled in Honors Science at Waterloo University, received the Bank of Commerce Trophy and the Elaine Latham Award.

Michael, 18, also attending Waterloo, received the Trinity Boys' Cup and the Art Latham Award. His major is Math and Computer Science Studies.

Both Lisa and Michael are Ontario Scholars. They hold the coveted Letter 'U' Award and were active in both academic and athletic areas of school life. They also played in the concert and stage bands.

The basis for selection is "outstanding in character, leadership, scholarship and athletics."

Other Ontario Scholars were:

Kirk Arends, David Bolter, Kelly Buckles, Stephanie Carlson, Sharon Dane, Suzanne Denouden, Jim Gifford, Charlene Gordon, Christine Grandt, Steve Kerr, Rebecca Kubica, Richard McMillan, Caroline Mercer, Catherine Morton, Lisa Robinson and James Shadforth.

Letter 'U' Awards were received by Hyo Jin Shin, Richard Kim, Stephanie Carlson, Julie Henderson, Suzanne Denouden, Michael Nidd, Jennifer Harding, James Shadforth and Beth Sheridan.

Singular scholarships and awards were received by the following:

Richard McMillan (Science, Math, Biology, a Governor-General's Medal); Hyo Jin Shin (Essay); Kelly Buckles (English); Alisa Whittaker (Band); Michelle Tartu (Music); Stephen Kerr (Art); Richard Kim (History); Angela Davis (Geography); Carol Ann Rowland (Family Studies); Lisa Robinson and Catherine Morton (Economics); Christine Grandt (Business Studies, Accounting); Cathy Gidley and Kristi Stewart (Elizabeth Knight Bursary); Lisa Robinson (Languages); Jim Shadforth (Computer Science); Lee Steele (Woodworking); E. Brian Wassenaar (Automotive); Ben Tough and Tim Sweet (Electrical); Jacqueline Miluse and Darren Jamieson (Drafting); John Hoover (Technical Co-op); Emma Croft (Greatest Improvement); Sandra Zollner (Highest Aggregate); Daphne Paslerko (History); Sarah Hall (Art); Kelly Buckles (English, French); Stephanie DeVries and Sandra Zollner (Business Procedures); Sandra Zollner (Law, Business English); Stephanie DeVries (Data Processing); Rosemarie Houston (Food School Award, Rent and Save Award); Rosemarie Houston, Doug Irvine and Brett Hansen (IODE Certificates); Doug Irvine (Community Involvement).

Principal Beal praises grads

Principal Jennifer Beal both praised and challenged the Class of '88 in her commencement address at Uxbridge Secondary School Friday.

"Important changes are the small changes," she said, "changes that are made by small people around the world."

"You," she said, "are the future of this country, and I believe the future of this country is in good hands."

Principal Beal drew smiles from her young audience when she described them as "familiar faces in unfamiliar clothes."

"Last year, you began as kids," she observed, "tonight you return as adults."

The speaker praised the accomplishments of each one. "You are responsible for your

own achievements and success," she said.

She described the evening as "the end of one stage and the beginning of another."

"I consider it a privilege to have worked with you and among you," she concluded.

Hold onto Memories

Heather Beveridge, Uxbridge trustee and Board vice chairperson, urged student graduates to hold onto their memories. "At the same time, she recommended those memories include staff teachers of U.S.S."

Mrs. Beveridge described the evening as "another step toward greater responsibility."

"Take the keys of success you've been given and use them to open doors when opportunity knocks," she concluded.

You're the Greatest

Valedictorian Graham Wilson described the Class of '88 as "the greatest group of people he'd ever come to know."

He called his classmates "loving and caring — big enough to be your friend, not only in good times but in bad when it counted most."

His remarks drew applause when he included teachers in his words of praise.

"The teachers," she said, "don't receive the recognition they deserve. If it weren't for them, we wouldn't be graduating here tonight."

He described his time spent at U.S.S. as "the greatest years of my life."

Classmates responded to the address with a standing ovation.



Principal Jennifer Beal gives Janya Comrie her diploma



Rick McMillan winner of five awards, shows the coveted Governor-General's award

Rick McMillan cleans up at awards night

Richard (Rick) McMillan was called on stage to receive the Board of Education Proficiency Shield and the P.T. Bernhard Award at Uxbridge Secondary School's Commencement Exercises Friday.

And he stayed.

In addition to these presentations, valued at \$75 and \$100 respectively, Rick received four other awards, all in succession.

Other students will follow. Principal Jennifer Beal announced tactfully as the audience sat in stunned silence.

The 19-year-old, Grade 13, grad, received the Governor-General's Academic Medal, the Kinsmen Club Science Award, (\$100), the IODE Mathematics Award, (\$100) and the TTC Beverages Biology Award, (\$100).

The singular ceremony didn't end there.

Rick was also awarded a \$100 Ontario Scholarship and his Secondary School Honor Graduation Diploma.

He was an honors student through five years at U.S.S. He completed his Grade 13 with an average of 94.7 percent. Functions and Relations was his best subject. His graduating mark in this was 99 percent.

Rick is the son of Bill and Pat McMillan, 15 James Street, Uxbridge.

"I was aware of everything except the Governor-General's Award. That was a nice surprise," Rick said later.

In addition to academic excellence, Rick also established himself as a fine athlete. He was a member of the school's swim team through five years. He also participated in track and field, cross-country and soccer.

Presently enrolled in a four-year kinesiology course at Waterloo, Rick claims his initial association with university makes Uxbridge High "a little more special."



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