

BLOCKING OUT THE PROGRAM



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Sherri Holden, chair of the Markham Block Parent Association (left), explains what the program is all about to grade 3 children at Franklin street Public School on Thursday. Here, she hands the organization's window sign to eight-year-old Bethany Sider.

Teens earn honours for academic and community excellence

BY ROGER VARLEY
Staff Writer

Eight local youths receive scholarships from the Markham African Caribbean Association tonight at the MACA's 13th annual scholarship fundraising dinner and dance.

The awards are presented for academic excellence and a commitment to community involvement.

Five attended Fr. Michael McGivney Catholic Academy, two went to Milliken Mills High School, and the eighth was a student at Middlefield Collegiate Institute.

The recipients of the \$750 scholarships are:

- Kristopher Alexander, who won the Harry Jerome Award for Excellence in the Arts earlier this year;

- Kimberley Ann Johnson, editor of the school newspaper at Fr. Michael McGivney and public relations director for the Student Athletic Council;

- Shaun Johnson, who volunteers with youth groups at school, church and the Milliken Youth Council;

- Sharma MacDonald, a volunteer at Scarborough Centenary Health Centre and a member of Markham's Mayor's Youth task Force;

- Dionne Matthew, McGivney's female athlete of 1998, Student Athletic Council president and Girl Guide leader;

- Sarah Lawson, a budding chemical engineer and co-chair of Milliken's Student Council;

- Kalifa MacDonald, a participant in the Ontario Secondary School Student Association leadership conference who has been involved with Children's Aid Society fundraising and the Harriet Tubman Debate Group;

- Emily Kere, who has been on Middlefield's honour roll for five consecutive years.



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