

Essay earns student chief-for-a-day honour

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Sutton student Julia Ewing wrote an essay impressive enough it won her the York Regional Police Chief for a Day contest.

Citing the increased use of technology in police cruisers and the creation of several new crime squads Julia, a student at Black River Public School, wrote about how much policing has changed in the last 30 years.

She presented her essay at the 9th annual Police Appreciation Dinner April 26 and received a chief's uniform to keep, lunch and a tour of headquarters with Chief Bob Middaugh and Deputy Chief Armand LeBarge among other prizes.

Take math, science, female students told

More than 600 female students in Grades 7 and 8 participated in a two-day seminar at Seneca College aimed at encouraging them to take math, science and technology courses in high school.

Speakers included Marina Wray, CBC Radio producer and technician specializing in the science and technology beat and Susan Best, scientist and inventor, who founded the Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science and Technology.

Students took in career presentations by successful women working in science and technology and hands-on engineering projects.

Board officials learn of other faiths

Public board administrators took a multi-faith journey April 18, visiting several places of worship and speaking with faith leaders to increase their understanding of the many faiths of their students.

They visited the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Unionville, the Jaffari Islamic Centre in Thornhill, the Hindu Vishnu Temple on Yonge Street, the Aish Hatorah Synagogue in

Thornhill, the Bait-ul-Islam Mosque in Maple, the Sanatan Mandir in Markham, the National Bahai Centre and the Buddhist Cham Shan Temple, both in Thornhill.

Band's anniversary celebrated

More than 70 students across the York Region District School Board celebrated excellence in music education and the 20-year anniversary of the Newmarket Enrichment Band at Prince Charles Public School May 2.

Board honours efforts of volunteers

On April 30, the York Region District School Board honoured some of the volunteers in schools across York Region in celebration of the provincial Volunteer Recognition Month. Volunteers received a certificate and a board pin. Among those honoured:

• Steph Seigel, Jenn Konidis and Erica Herman represented the many students at Thornhill Secondary School who volunteer with The Circle of Friends club. More than 100 students have devoted their lunch hour and study time daily to support the intellectually challenged students of Room 137.

• Julie Canton helps Grade 1 students with reading, artwork and class trips at Central Park Public School in Markham.

• Although it's only his first year as a member of the Coppard Glen Public School Council in Markham, Bruce Hammell has already served as fundraising coordinator, citizenship court organizer and disc jockey at intermediate grade dances.

• Elizabeth Lee helps organize events at Glad Park Public School in Stouffville, including hot lunches, cupcake days, head lice checks, fundraising and school council meetings.

• King City Public School dad Harold Moffett is a coach's dream. He hasn't

missed one basketball or volleyball game in which his son has played and thanks the coach for his time after every game.

• Lesley Pearson has spent 22 years volunteering in York Region schools. Currently at Sutton Public School, Pearson helps coach

volleyball, basketball, relay and track and field and acts as convener for many sports at both the elementary and secondary level.

She has run fitness and dance classes for teachers and organized Hoops for Heart and Terry Fox runs at several schools.

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