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*Superintendent  
of Schools*

## Message from the Board of Trustees and Superintendent of Schools

Tonight, Edmonton Public Schools has the chance to recognize and celebrate the outstanding contributions students make to their classmates, schools, communities and District. This year's Student Awards Night recipients soar above and beyond their academic requirements. They thrive individually and as valuable members of their school communities whether they excel in their classroom studies, on the swim team, in a career and technology studies lab or on a performing arts stage. Guided by a strong sense of character, heartfelt determination and steadfast perseverance, these young adults truly embody our district's Cornerstone Values: equity, collaboration, integrity and accountability. Their impressive accomplishments attest to the nurturing, high quality learning environments that public education can provide and are a source of pride for our District.

Congratulations to the 2013-2014 District Student Awards winners! In addition to becoming leaders of tomorrow, you are already leaders of today. We hope you continue to challenge yourselves to reach new personal, social and intellectual heights and wish you all the best as you lend your hearts and minds to your future learning pursuits.

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Darrel Robertson,  
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Hunter Samis

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Brittney Lapointe  
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Kassandra Gower  
*amiskwaciy*

Benjamin Christiani  
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Janessa Layton  
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Robyn Woudstra  
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Aida Radu  
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*L.Y. Cairns*

Danielle Ma  
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Reem Almawed  
*M.E. LaZerte*

Willow Dew  
*McNally*

Nathan Hepas  
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Jessica Wang  
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Gabrielle Gate  
*Queen Elizabeth*

Tamara Bojovic  
*Ross Sheppard*

Kaelin Koufogiannakis  
*Strathcona*

Angela Kong  
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Jacob Mydlak  
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Spencer Cholak  
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Langley McCaul <i>Alberta School for the Deaf</i>	Isabelle Brisson <i>McNally</i>
Sydney Lush <i>amiskwaciy</i>	Jayson Masse <i>Millwoods Christian</i>
George Fei <i>Argyll</i>	Alice Xue <i>Old Scona</i>
Chloe Martin <i>Braemar</i>	Jamie Dublanko <i>Queen Elizabeth</i>
Tyler Ngo <i>Eastglen</i>	Callie Lissinna <i>Ross Sheppard</i>
Danny Krol <i>Edmonton Christian</i>	Haley Dittmann <i>Strathcona</i>
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Daniela Roth  
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Nathan Ip, *Trustee*

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Ray Martin, *Trustee*

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Darrel Robertson,  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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Kaelen Thompson-  
Watson  
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Skyler Reichelt  
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for the Deaf*

Janelle Spry-Papastesis  
*amiskwaciy*

Holly Christiani  
*Argyll*

Jaycee Russell  
*Braemar*

Kobin Lim  
*Centre High*

Casey Letendre  
Jamie Raichel  
(co-winners)  
*Eastglen*

Abbigail Hofstede  
*Edmonton Christian*

Emily Konrad  
*Harry Ainlay*

Azka Ahmed  
*J. Percy Page*

Dallin McLean  
*Jasper Place*

Sofia Khan  
*L.Y. Cairns*

Hannah Zhang  
*Lillian Osborne*

Youssef Ataoui  
*M.E. LaZerte*

Simran Sodhi  
*McNally*

Madeleine Wiebe  
*Millwoods Christian*

Paul Li  
Juliana Wang  
(co-winners)  
*Old Scona*

Enrique Marroquin  
Son Ta  
(co-winners)  
*Queen Elizabeth*

Justin Haas  
*Ross Sheppard*

Utkarsh Chauhan  
*Strathcona*

Lauren Carter  
Camille Wiley  
(co-winners)  
*Victoria*

Amanda Greenwell  
*Vimy Ridge*

Jared Barron  
*W.P. Wagner*



# GRADE TWELVE HIGHEST HONOURS STANDING IN EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## INTRODUCTION

Sherry Adams, *Trustee*

## PRESENTATION

Nathan Ip, *Trustee*

## CONGRATULATIONS

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*Superintendent of Schools*

## CO-RECIPIENTS

Justin Haas  
*Ross Sheppard*

Utkarsh Chauhan  
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Sarah Hoffman, *Board Chair*

## RECEPTION

Atrium, Centre for Education

## HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dr. Barb Bryson  
*Academy at King Edward*

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for the Deaf*

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Education*

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*Millwoods Christian*

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Sue Bell  
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Rick Paulitsch  
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Hans Van Ginhoven  
*Strathcona*

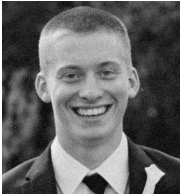
Tami Dowler-Coltman  
*Victoria*

Darryl Sutherland  
*Vimy Ridge*

Fred Buffi  
*W.P. Wagner*

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) (co-winners)

The District Advanced Placement Award is presented to the student who achieves the highest average on a minimum of four Advanced Placement examinations. For 2014, the co-winners are Kyle Johnston of Strathcona and Connor Stephens of Strathcona.



Kyle Johnston  
*Strathcona*

Kyle wrote seven Advanced Placement exams as part of his enrolment in the AP program and finished with an average of 4.86 out of 5. He also took part in the pilot project of the AP/Cambridge Capstone program, completing the seminar course in Grade 11.

"He was a good natured student who was always willing to help those in need," says AP Department Head Greg Henkelman.

At school he was involved in the swim team, the Christian club and was heavily involved in Scona's leadership program. Kyle says, "I had the honour of being a part of three different global initiatives over my high school experience, where as a school, we raised money for organizations that provide those less fortunate with microloans, clean water and bicycles."

Outside of school Kyle spent the majority of his time helping out at Ellerslie Road Baptist Church. He taught students in Grades 1 to 6 at summer bible camp and Sunday school, and was involved in many service projects, bible studies and big church youth group events.

He had too many interests to pick a discipline or a career path right out of high school, so he is taking a year off from school, working on a tree farm with Classic Landscapes. Kyle is currently debating between going into education, sciences, psychology or criminology. For this year, Kyle plans to try a variety of different jobs to learn the value of hard work, gain time management and budgeting skills, and perhaps travel to gain experience with other cultures.



Connor Stephens  
*Strathcona*

Connor wrote seven Advanced Placement exams as part of his enrolment in the AP program and finished with an average of 4.86 out of 5.

Connor was a member of the swim team for all three years of high school. For the last two years, he joined the newly resurrected rowing team which is his current passion outside of academics. He says he loved the school-wide leadership spirit and participating in the bike-a-thon was an amazing experience.

AP Department Head Greg Henkelman says, "Connor was a good natured fellow who was always willing to help others. He always kept teachers on their feet with fantastic questions."

He is currently pursuing an Honours Physics Degree at the University of Alberta and is rowing with the university team. Although he personally declined credit for his AP exams, he believes the true value of the program was in the experience of preparing for the exams.

## CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (CTS)



Madeline Schwartz  
*Harry Ainlay*

The Career and Technology Studies Award in the area of Fashion Studies, is presented to Madeline Schwartz of Harry Ainlay.

Madeline is a dedicated, responsible and hard-working young lady. "Her ability to lead a team of her peers was an impressive accomplishment," says teacher Janelle Lazaruk.

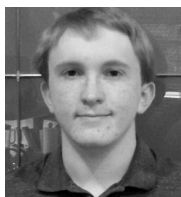
She was chosen as Harry Ainlay's graduation fashion show director and was one of the designers for the Ready to Shine fashion show at Kingsway Mall – she even designed

the evening gown for the celebrity model, Shannon Greer from Global News. Teacher Terri-Lynn Hyland said, "Madeline challenges herself on every project and has grown to meet these challenges every time."

She also dedicated countless hours to the Grade 10 orientation program and cheer team.

She is currently enrolled at the University of Alberta. Her goal is to become a fabric stylist, fashion marketer or fashion buyer.

## CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (CTS)



Robert Cassidy  
*Jasper Place*

The Career and Technology Studies Award in the area of Computing Science, is presented to Robert Cassidy of Jasper Place.

"Robert is a passionate and self-motivated individual with excellent leadership and original thinking skills," says teacher Dustin Bajer. Computer science teacher Lance Pederson says, "He was a leader in the classroom where he was sometimes assigned the role of a student teacher's assistant (TA)." Robert was always ready to help and saw being a TA as a chance to further his understanding and growth.

He was extremely adaptable and used his programming knowledge to build individual playable levels for the existing StarCraft and Warcraft 3 games. He also completed 10 campaign games which included game design, voice acting and programming, resulting in over 20 hours of game play. His work was used by the department head of Technology for open house presentations.

Robert is currently enrolled in computer sciences at the University of Alberta.

## CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (CTS)



Maya Allerie  
*W.P. Wagner*

The Career and Technology Studies Award in the area of Fashion Studies, is presented to Maya Allerie of W.P. Wagner.

Her teacher Lynne Fenton said, "It was a real pleasure to work with a student as dedicated, creative and talented as Maya." Maya readily challenged herself and was committed to learning. She was instrumental in the design and completion of the costumes for the school play Fahrenheit 451 which were subsequently nominated for

a Cappies Award in the costume category. Maya also presented her own collection at the Ready to Shine fashion show at Kingsway Mall.

"Maya was passionate about doing her part to enhance the student experience," says teacher Derek Ross. She was actively involved with the school yearbook and became the 'go to' photographer for school events. Her keen eye also made her an invaluable photo editor. She also helped out on the desktop publishing end of production.

## CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (CTS)



Kira Kofluk  
*W.P. Wagner*

The Career and Technology Studies Award in the area of Fashion Studies, is presented to Kira Kofluk of W.P. Wagner.

"It has been a real pleasure to work with a student as dedicated, creative and talented as Kira," says her fashion studies teacher Lynne Fenton. She was a great role model to other students and completed numerous challenging projects with perseverance and enthusiasm. She was dedicated to fine workmanship in all her projects. She presented her collection at the

Ready to Shine fashion show at Kingsway Mall and in both Grade 11 and 12.

Her Japanese teacher, Hajime Sakaguchi, says, "Kira showed great initiative, motivation and enthusiasm for both learning and helping others to learn."

Kira's dream is to be a fashion designer for modern clothes or a historical costume designer. Next year she plans to apply to the University of Alberta, to continue her education in clothing, textiles and material culture.

## FINE ARTS - ART



Kelly Chen  
*Lillian Osborne*

The student whose work best demonstrates the outcomes in the Art Program is annually presented the District Art Award. The 2014 recipient is Kelly Chen of Lillian Osborne.

Kelly completed coursework in Art 10, 20 and 30, Drawing 15 and 25, and Applied Graphic Arts 15, 25 and 35. In all these classes she always maintained averages in mid to high 90's. She submitted art for the Tabular Rasa workshop art event for artists under 24 years of age. She also entered her work into the Every Victim Matters youth art show organized by REACH Edmonton for artists between 18 to 24 years of age and was awarded first place.

Kelly says as a child she was incredibly quiet and always found more comfort in art than in opening her mouth to speak. She believes logic speaks to the mind and art speaks to the soul. She says, "Art is a powerful tool to connect, engage and reflect society." Her imagination often takes over and she enjoys creating stories within her art.

Kelly is continuing her artistic journey by attending the Emily Carr University of Art and Design. She would be happy to become a comic artist.

## FINE ARTS - DANCE



Robertson Wickins  
*Strathcona*

The student whose work best demonstrates the outcomes in the Dance Program is annually presented the District Dance Award. The 2014 recipient is Robertson Wickins of Strathcona.

Robertson completed coursework in Dance 15, 25 and 35, and Musical Theatre 10, 25 and 35 with averages in the 90's. He was a part of the Strathcona dance and theatre groups and performed in three Strathcona Pathways dance showcases, three school theatre productions and in the Symphony under the Stars. This past year, he successfully took on the challenge of directing a one act play for the school festival. He also attended dance classes during the

school's London dance trip and at the Broadway Dance Center in New York.

"His inquisitive nature and passion for learning in and through the arts make him an ideal artist to work with," says Linette Smith, Department Head of Fine and Performing Arts. He picked up choreography quickly and spent many hours rehearsing to ensure polished performances. He showed immense growth and even greater potential throughout his high school years.

Robertson is currently attending the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts in Toronto. He says, "Dance has helped me find my passion (and hopefully future) in life, dance and parkour."

## FINE ARTS - DRAMA



Sonak Patel  
*Old Scona*

The student whose work best demonstrates the outcomes in the Drama Program is annually presented the District Drama Award. The 2014 recipient is Sonak Patel of Old Scona.

He says, "I was an introverted and shy boy. Performing gave me an outlet to express myself and gain confidence – it has become a passion of mine."

Sonak participated in both drama and musical theatre, both as an actor and head of the technical department. He also maintained strong academic marks.

He participated in numerous musical productions including Wizard of Oz,

Into the Woods and Once on this Island. Throughout high school, he wrote two plays, participated in the Edmonton Zone 8 One Act Festival and in Grade 12, played Willy Wonka in the school production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Sonak also took part on the school's arts council and founded and directed the school's first improvisation club. Sonak also annually volunteers with the Fringe Festival.

His teacher Darolyn McCrostie said, "Sonak was always dependable and willing to try out new things and gain new experiences." Sonak is currently attending the University of Alberta.

## FINE ARTS - MUSIC



Daniela Roth  
*Old Scona*

The student whose work best demonstrates the outcomes in the Music Program is annually presented the District Music Award. For 2014, the recipient is Daniela Roth of Old Scona.

"Having the privilege to enjoy music and reach out to others has been a pivotal facet of my life," says Daniela.

"Throughout school, important milestones have been marked not by date or achievement, but by my musical accomplishments."

She believes the magic of music is that through her own joy, she can cultivate it within others.

Daniela participated in the school band and was a dependable mentor who led by example. She played principal flute as well as piccolo. She played with the Junior High Honour

Band at the Winspear, performed in the Night of Music at the Jubilee Auditorium and with the Alberta College Honour Band at the Citadel. She also was involved with the school's musical theatre productions and performed at various school events like commencement.

"Daniela is a very dedicated musician who is always striving to achieve the next level of excellence," says teacher Darolyn McCrostie. Her private flute teacher says, "Daniela shows great initiative in her practice ethic and shows maturity beyond her years."

She is currently in the general sciences program at the University of Alberta. Her goal is to get into medicine to specialize as a pathologist. She plans to continue to develop her hobbies of riding, flute and photography.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) (co-winners)

The District International Baccalaureate Award is presented to the top student from the International Baccalaureate program who achieves an IB diploma and obtains the highest overall point total. An IB Diploma student must complete six courses at the IB level within a variety of dimensions. They are also required to complete hours of volunteering, enrol in the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and complete an Extended Research Essay on a topic of their choice. Each course is graded on a scale of one to seven with an additional three points for the essay and TOK, for a maximum score of 45 points. The 2014 co-winners of the International Baccalaureate Award are Jessica Cheng of Harry Ainlay and Kristy Wang of Old Scona.



Jessica Cheng  
*Harry Ainlay*

Jessica earned a grade of 42 out of the possible 45 points.

Jessica says, "Through the IB program, I not only challenged myself to accomplish things I never thought I would be able to, I was also able to establish lasting relations with many great individuals."

Throughout high school, Jessica was involved with the school's leadership program. She participated in the Titans' International club, which was founded to provide care and guidance to international students. She served as the co-chair of the Soba Bowl club, which promoted appreciation and understanding of the Japanese culture through fundraising and hosting annual festivals. During her last year, she participated as an executive member on the Awards Board, which served to ensure that all deserving students within the school community were recognized and congratulated for their accomplishments. She also participated in various activities, including volunteering for the Operation Get-Well Card event, and the National Crystal Growing Competition for which she and her partner placed first for best quality crystal grown.

Teacher Daniel Ito says, "As co-chair of the Anime Festival, Jessica was very reliable and hard working. Despite her academic commitments, she always made time to do what was necessary to lead and implement the festival." Japanese teacher Mieko Ito-Fedrau says, "Jessica was a mature, responsible and co-operative individual. The accuracy and creativity she demonstrated through Japanese assignments were impressive."

Outside school, she was involved in the Alberta School of Kung Fu, achieving her black belt after three years.

Jessica is currently attending the University of Alberta.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) (co-winners)



Kristy Wang  
*Old Scona*

Kristy earned a grade of 42 out of the possible 45 points.

Kristy was a part of several school clubs. She was on the school's curling team and she was the Students' Union's secretary in Grade 12. She was on the executive of the fellowship group; they organized Operation Christmas Child and sent 124 shoe boxes overseas for underprivileged children. She also organized a very successful year-end worship event that had Christian fellowships from all over Edmonton participate.

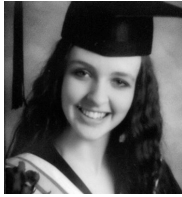
She is an accomplished musician and plays the flute, piano and guitar. She performed in concert band and in many school events like talent shows and the welcome breakfast. She competed in the Interdisciplinary Science Competitions and won first place in the 2014 competition. Outside of school, she volunteered at the Telus World of Science in various capacities and is currently volunteering at the University of Alberta hospital.

Assistant Principal Ann Mah says, "Kristy is a fine young woman. She is kind, considerate and compassionate. She did a remarkable job balancing school and all of her volunteer endeavours. She's a wonderful person!"

Kristy is currently attending the University of Alberta, studying general sciences. She intends to study medicine and also to study abroad to experience sciences and medical research through the lens of other cultures.



## INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES



Fawn Connell  
*Strathcona*

The student whose work best demonstrates outcomes in the International Languages Programs is annually presented the District International Languages Award. The 2014 recipient is Fawn Connell of Strathcona.

At school, Fawn was part of the sign language club and the Gay Straight Alliance, and volunteered with the special needs class in Grade 10. She explained that she had the privilege of going to Costa Rica with her Spanish teacher and 24 other students over spring break last year. This past summer, she was in Riviere-du-Loup, Quebec, doing a five week French immersion program with over 120 kids from all over Canada.

One day, she hopes to be fluent in Spanish, French, and Italian.

Fawn says, "I'm so thankful to my teachers, Senora Mazzotta and Monsieur Babin, for always pushing me the extra mile in my second and third languages."

She is currently working and will be starting in MacEwan University's Bachelor of Arts program this coming winter term. She will be studying sociology and eventually wants to do some sort of social work, hopefully with a focus in languages.

## L.Y. CAIRNS MOST OUTSTANDING SENIOR STUDENT



Sofia Khan

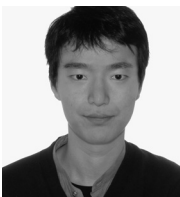
Sofia Khan is the 2014 recipient of the L.Y. Cairns most outstanding senior student award.

Sofia was a model student. Through hard work, determination, attention to detail, perseverance and a positive attitude, she earned the T.D. Baker Trophy as top Grade 12 student at L.Y. Cairns school.

She achieved honours in both her academic and vocational classes. Her work ethic, willingness to assist others and ability to ask pertinent questions have earned her top marks for all of her work experience placements.

Assistant Principal Sandra Annicchiarico says, "She is truly an inspiration to others. Way to go, Sofia!"

## METRO CONTINUING EDUCATION



Minsuk Kim

The District Metro Continuing Education Award is presented to the top student completing schooling through Metro Continuing Education. The recipient for 2014 is Minsuk Kim.

In 2011, Minsuk moved to Canada from South Korea. Although he already had a degree in history from the Seoul National University in Korea, he had to do more coursework before applying to the University of Alberta.

While working part time at a gas station, Minsuk completed Chemistry 30, Physics 30, Biology 30 and Mathematics 31 at Metro. He achieved an overall average of 94 per cent.

He says, "I deeply appreciate Metro and all the staff. It was a really nice place to study, especially with the greatest teachers and tutors."

Minsuk is currently attending the University of Alberta, with plans on entering Medicine or Dentistry.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Julian Karner  
*Lillian Osborne*

The student whose work best demonstrates the outcomes in the Physical Education Program is annually presented the District Physical Education Award. The 2014 recipient is Julian Karner of Lillian Osborne.

Julian showed responsibility, commitment and enthusiasm in fulfilling his chosen academic and athletic program. Throughout high school, he received physical education marks in the high 90's while also maintaining Honours with Distinction in his other coursework.

At school, Julian participated on the cross country and track and field teams and outside school, he played hockey. Despite his perception that running seemed like cruel and unusual punishment, he decided to join the

cross-country team when his teacher asked him to. He says running the 4 km turned out to be one his greatest decisions. He also volunteered for school activities whenever the need arose.

Teacher Murray Smith says, "He constantly motivates others around him to get involved and try new activities. His innate sense of fair play, co-operation and leadership make him a role model."

Julian says, "Physical education has impacted the way I breathe, see, think and believe. I can breathe easier knowing I'm stronger. I see more because my eyes have been opened to what I can really do. I think higher of myself and I no longer believe that things can't be done – they can be."

# GRADE 12 HIGHEST HONOURS STANDING AT EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS (co-winners)

In recognition of outstanding achievement and performance, an engraved plaque and \$500 are presented to the Grade 12 student who achieves the highest overall average in the qualifying subjects: English 30-1 or 30-2, plus any four of Pure Mathematics 30, Applied Mathematics 30, Mathematics 31, Science 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, Social Studies 30, or one language other than English at the Grade 12 level. For 2014, the co-winners are Justin Haas of Ross Sheppard and Utkarsh Chauhan of Strathcona.



Justin Haas  
*Ross Sheppard*

Justin finished his Grade 12 year with a 99 per cent overall average.

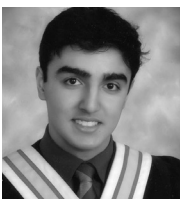
Justin was on the swim team all three years, and in his senior year, was appointed as co-captain of the team. In this role, his responsibilities included: co-ordinating team events, collaborating with coaches, leading cheers at meets and setting an example at practices. He was also on the water polo team in Grade 11.

Outside of school he worked at the Castle Downs YMCA as a lifeguard and swim instructor for children, teens and adults. He is also trained in first aid.

He also continues to volunteer at the Canadian Blood Services clinic on the University of Alberta campus.

Justin was a director for the YMCA Strong Kids international student group and he joined the rotary club to help fundraise for various causes and organize charity events.

He is currently an honours neuroscience undergraduate student at the University of Alberta. His future plans involve either going into medicine or doing research.



Utkarsh Chauhan  
*Strathcona*

In Grade 11, Utkarsh moved to Edmonton from Ottawa and started attending Strathcona. He completed his Grade 12 year with a 99 per cent average.

Utkarsh says he loves math and science. During his time at Strathcona, he primarily focused on the sciences. He achieved a 100 per cent average in Physics 20, Math 30, Math 31 and Biology 30, which was effectively one third of the courses he took at the school.

He also found time to participate in several extracurricular activities. He competitively played, coached and

refereed basketball; orchestrated multiple cancer fundraising initiatives; excelled in music and band, especially the clarinet; and tutored math, English and science for several years.

Before moving to Strathcona School, Utkarsh had a 93 per cent average. He says, "I think it was the Strathcona teachers that helped me reach my potential. I wasn't as inquisitive or analytical before that experience."

Utkarsh is currently enrolled at the University of Alberta, majoring in physical sciences and minoring in philosophy. His goal is to pursue a career in criminal law.

Education is not preparation for life;  
education is life itself.

— John Dewey





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