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**The Guelph Community Foundation awards 16 local graduating students \$20,150 in scholarships and bursaries**

**Guelph, Ontario – Monday, May 22, 2023** – The Guelph Community Foundation and our fundholders are proud to announce our 2023 scholarship and bursary recipients.

Sixteen outstanding Guelph and Wellington County graduating students have been recently awarded scholarships and bursaries set up by generous community fundholders to help these local students achieve their academic goals. Many of these scholarships and bursaries support students pursuing business, STEM related subjects, trades, athletics, or are there to help support those pursuing post-secondary education but are facing financial barriers. The recipients have demonstrated determination, perseverance, compassion, respect for others and their community, and have shown tremendous potential.

Financial barriers for students are high and ever on the rise, especially as inflation has so dramatically increased the price of living. These sixteen scholarships, which will be helpful to the students, often only scratch the surface of their upcoming financial need as they enter post-secondary education. Many of these students have been working full time jobs while in school and will be supporting themselves financially. If you are interested in learning more about how you or your family can create a scholarship or are looking at ways to support students in our community, contact the Foundation at [info@guelphcf.ca](mailto:info@guelphcf.ca) or visit the website, [guelphcf.ca](http://guelphcf.ca).

We sincerely thank our fundholders and donors who help fund these scholarships and bursaries, and who understand the impact that it has in these young people’s lives. The creation of these awards is often in memory of someone important to the fundholder’s family and is a thoughtful way to keep their generous spirit and memory alive. Our philanthropic fundholders believe it is important to remove some of the heavy financial barriers to these remarkable students’ success and are happy to reward exceptional students who choose post-secondary education. The Foundation’s volunteer Grants Committee, in partnership with school administrators and teachers, helped to determine the following recipients below. We thank them for their discernment and time.

**Wellington Catholic District School Board:**

School Name	Scholarship Name	Award Winner	Amount Awarded
Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School	Angelo and Rina Longo Scholarship	Olivia Chappel	\$500
Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School	Eric Goegan Scholarship Award	Evan Klein	\$500
Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School	John A. Hourigan Memorial Award	Emma Labuz	\$200

Bishop Macdonell Catholic High School	Mary Phelan Scholarship	Quinn Oliver	\$1,000
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School	Angelo and Rina Longo Scholarship	Tony Nguyen	\$500
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School	Frank Taylor Bursary	Brice Huynh	\$200
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School	Iolanda Maugeri Hall Business Education Bursary	Isabella Santos	\$3,500
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School	John A. Hourigan Memorial Award	Jana Mariel Capili	\$200
St. James Catholic High School	Angelo and Rina Longo Scholarship	Megan McMillan	\$500
St. James Catholic High School	John A. Hourigan Memorial Award	Kyle Indoe	\$200
St. John Bosco Catholic School	Smith Valeriotte Education Bursary	Sadie Breese	\$5,000

**Upper Grand District School Board:**

School Name	Scholarship	Award Winner	Amount Awarded
Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute	Smith Valeriotte Education Bursary	Malik Jules-Peterkin	\$5,000
Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute	Mabel Anne Brouwer Scholarship Fund - Women in STEM Scholarship	Meshva Patel	\$1,000
Centennial Collegiate Vocational Institute	Class of '71 Kathryn Winegard Memorial Scholarship	Jackson Miller	\$500
Centennial Collegiate Vocational Institute	Bruce Graham Memorial Fund - Women in STEM Scholarship	Bahar Amin	\$1,000
Acton High School	Jamie Vickery Memorial Fund	<i>Ian Baker</i>	\$350



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**About The Guelph Community Foundation**

The Guelph Community Foundation is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding areas through endowments, stewardship, and granting programs. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of donors into permanent, interest earning endowments. The income from the endowments supports a range of charitable programs and activities. The Guelph Community Foundation is located at 55 Wyndham St. N., Suite 4A, in the Old Quebec Street Shoppes in downtown Guelph. To learn more please visit [guelphcf.ca](http://guelphcf.ca).