

Alyssa Anderson

Alyssa Anderson of Lloydminster is a compassionate young woman with an evolved sense of leadership, responsibility and integrity. As a long-time member of the local 4-H Beef Club, Alyssa, currently the Club President, raises, judges, and shows cattle and horses. Since 2006, Alyssa has served on the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee, an important youth forum that provides input and advice to the provincial government on programs and policies that affect youth. An ardent animal lover, Alyssa volunteers her time at a local stable assisting in a therapeutic riding program for youth with developmental disabilities. Alyssa also lends her time and support to activities such as Student Activities Council, the Senior Badminton Team and Big Brothers and Sisters, among others. Alyssa will graduate this year and plans to pursue an education at the University of Saskatchewan in Veterinary Science.

Mandy Cmoc

Mandy Cmoc of Yorkton is a talented and hardworking individual whose enthusiasm and commitment have created a legacy in her community. In her capacity as a summer student at the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce in 2006 and 2007, Mandy contributed significantly to the creation of a “Start Your Business in Yorkton” package, an interactive tool used by all members of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce. This project garnered national recognition, due in large part to Mandy’s hard work and vision. In addition to her contributions with the Chamber of Commerce, Mandy volunteers much of her time as an Ambassador for the University of Regina. Mandy has just completed her third year at the University of Regina, Fine Arts Faculty.

Jessica Hueser

Jessica Hueser of Prince Albert is a determined and driven individual who leads by example. Jessica ascended the ranks of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets #38 Anavets to become a Warrant Officer in only five years. Through this involvement she has had the opportunity to attend various summer training courses and, in the summer of 2007, she was chosen to represent Canada on an International Cadet Exchange scholarship in the Netherlands. Jessica is also a conscientious student with impeccable work ethic, and as a result, graduated in the top 4% of her class of 500 students. She has recently completed her first year of pre-medicine at the SIAST campus in Prince Albert and will continue with her second year at the University of Saskatchewan. An avid and talented soccer player, Jessica was recently chosen to be a member of the soccer team that will represent Saskatchewan at the North American Indigenous Games taking place in Cowichan, British Columbia in August 2008. Jessica is a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band.

Neil Kalra

Neil Kalra of Saskatoon is an exceptional student and role model with a strong commitment to leadership, volunteerism and community involvement. Neil excels at academia and demonstrates a particular aptitude and interest for science which is evidenced by his recent first place win at the Saskatoon Regional Science Fair for his project on “Tissue Array Applications in the Study of Gene Expression Profiles of Marginal Zone Lymphoma”. In addition to his outstanding academic achievements, Neil contributes significantly to his community by volunteering for the Saskatoon Folkfest, the Food Bank, and at the Physical Activity for Active Living (PAAL) Camp, among others. Neil also finds time to devote to the school choir, band and jazz band, in addition to his involvement, on the technical side, in One Act Plays. Neil is currently in Grade 12 and plans to attend the University of Saskatchewan next fall.

Raymond Ko

Raymond Ko of Saskatoon is an exceptionally gifted musician whose talent and compassion make a meaningful difference in his community. Raymond was recognized by the Royal Conservatory of Music as one of the youngest musician to receive double diplomas in both piano and violin performance. In 2004, Raymond founded the Music Sensory Awakening Program, which is designed specifically for children with autism spectrum disorders. Over and above this extraordinary endeavour, Raymond has organized and performed at three benefit concerts, the proceeds of which have gone to the Autism Services Saskatoon. Recently Raymond was named one of *Youth in Motion's* “Top 20 Under Twenty” for his work in combining music and science. In 2007, he won the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association Concerto Competition, and as such will be featured as a guest soloist with the Saskatoon and Regina Symphony Orchestras. He is currently a student at the University of Saskatchewan and has garnered national success with his University of Saskatchewan – mentored research projects on green tea and exotic mushrooms.

Meahgan Sweet

Meahgan Sweet of Wiseton is an excellent athlete, a high honour roll student, a committed volunteer and an overall exemplary youth. Meahgan is a conscientious student who has maintained a 97 percent average throughout her Grade 12 year. She has recently been accepted into the Greystone Scholar Society at the University of Saskatchewan, an elite group comprised of high-achieving students. Meahgan is also an accomplished athlete, competing in cross-country and track & field at the provincial level and having played AAA hockey, the highest level of female midget hockey. In October 2007, Meahgan was chosen to be one of eighteen participants in the Lieutenant Governor's Leadership Forum, a ten-day program that focuses on leadership concepts. In addition to her outstanding academic standing, her involvement in athletics and her inherent leadership abilities, Meahgan also finds time to serve as the SRC Treasurer, to deliver Meals on Wheels, to coach under 10 soccer, and to volunteer at the local seniors' home, to name only a few.