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Oh, The Places They Go

Winning a Scholarship is Just the First Step of a Longer Journey

Every year, the Seven Oaks Education Foundation awards more than 80 scholarships to students throughout the Seven Oaks School Division.

But awarding the scholarship is only the beginning because a scholarship is as much about the work that comes after the awards ceremony as it is about the work that came before.

With that thought in mind, we catch up with a few previous scholarship winners from the Seven Oaks School Division to see what they are doing now, and how their scholarship win impacted their lives – wherever their career path has taken them.



Name: Keeley Edwards

Graduated: From West Kildonan Collegiate in 2009

Scholarships Received: The Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship from the Seven Oaks Education Foundation, and Advanced Early Admissions and an entrance scholarship with the University of Manitoba

Post-Graduation Path: Come September 2012, Keeley will begin her fourth year at the University of Manitoba, in her third year of the Biochemistry Honours program. In the meantime, she'll be spending her summer working in a biochemistry research lab at the University.

On Receiving Her Scholarships: "Receiving the Nellie and Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship from the Seven Oaks Education Foundation was certainly an honor. Being a scholarship recipient has helped to reinforce the

value of working hard and putting effort into my education, and that ethic has not been lost in my years at university.

I believe that having academic awards (monetary or otherwise) have been, and will continue to be, a valuable part of my resume."

On the Importance of Scholarships: "I feel that scholarships are important, as they recognize and reward the efforts of students that act above and beyond expectation. Although these students are often those that do not require additional motivation, for many students, receiving scholarships becomes a goal; a goal which those students will strive to reach.

In addition, with the cost of a post-secondary education, scholarships are an invaluable aid in paying for the education that their recipients desire to obtain."



Name: Alaina Edwards

Graduated: From West Kildonan Collegiate in 2008

Scholarships Received: West Kildonan Collegiate Institute 50th Anniversary Scholarship #2 as well as the Hogg Centennial University of Manitoba entrance scholarship and the Manitoba Youth Leadership Scholarship.

Post-Graduation Path: Alaina is finishing her final year of the Commerce Honours Program at the University of Manitoba, with a double major in Finance and Logistics and Supply Chain Management. In the meantime, she's working as a summer student at Manitoba Hydro in the corporate budgeting department.

On Receiving Her Scholarships:

"On a personal level, the scholarship impacted me by aiding in paying off some of the costs of university. In combination with other scholarships, it helped in covering almost my full first year of course tuition. As tuition and textbooks are so costly, it was extremely helpful financially. I am very thankful for the scholarship and the support and opportunities it gave me."

On the Importance of Scholarships:

"Scholarships help create opportunities for people that may not otherwise experience those opportunities due to lack of funding.

They also provide something for students to strive for in high school, encouraging them to work harder. I feel this is good motivation as it helps encourage a sense of work ethic which is extremely important in University."



Name: Cameron Patrick

Graduated: From West Kildonan Collegiate in 2003

Scholarships Received: The Seven Oaks School Division/Seven Oaks Education Foundation Faculty of Education Scholarship, the Rotary Club of North Winnipeg Scholarship and an Entrance Scholarship to the University of Winnipeg.

Post-Graduation Path: Cameron is currently working for the City of Winnipeg as an operator at the water treatment plant.

On Receiving His Scholarships:

"The scholarships I received help me go to university even though I did not come from an affluent background and had to work my way through university. Every little bit of extra money meant a little more time I could spend concentrating on school work."

On the Importance of Scholarships:

"Personally, I feel scholarships are an important part of the education system because they help students like myself who may not be able to afford to go to university to do so."



Name: Ian Martin
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Graduated: From West
Kildonan Collegiate in 2006

Scholarships Received: The Seven Oaks Scholarship Board/ Seven Oaks Education Foundation Scholarship, the Creative Arts Scholarship, and a University of Winnipeg Entrance Scholarship

Post-Graduation Path: Ian graduated with his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the University of Winnipeg in 2010. During his time at U of W, he became the vice-president of the U of W's Business Administration Students Association (BASA), a non-profit organization that assists in the education, growth, and development of one's peers.

Today, Ian works at Manitoba Lotteries Corporation as a Buyer in the Finance Department.

On Winning His Scholarships:

"The scholarship was initially a shock! And then I realized it was a great honor to be considered deserving enough for the chance to prove myself. It was a confidence boost, and meant that people saw potential in myself that maybe I did not completely see. I had always known I was going to University, but receiving the scholarships gave a sense that I deserved to be there, and produced a drive that made a significant difference not only in my educational path but also my personal life.

I am always astounded when I realize as a 23 year old I have landed a great career start in an amazing company, purchased my first home in 2011, and have a limitless future ahead of me. And I know this future could not have been possible without the support and confidence I received with the scholarships from the Seven Oaks School Division."

On the Importance of Scholarships:

"The scholarships were important for me personally, because they allowed me to complete university debt-free. This eliminated any hindrance of student loans, but it also removed the financial stress away from my daily life, which allowed me to emphasize my focus on my studies.

Without the scholarships I guarantee I would not be the man and business leader I am today!"



Name: Bryce Alexander
Weedmark

Graduated: From West
Kildonan Collegiate in 2006

Scholarships Received: The Seven Oaks Scholarship Board/Seven Oaks Education Foundation scholarship, the Creative Arts scholarship, the Jack Raber Community Service scholarship and a University of Winnipeg Entrance scholarship

Post-Graduation Path: Having completed a Bachelor of Science in Biology at the University of Winnipeg, Bryce is currently finishing his second degree at the University of Manitoba (his Bachelor of Medical Rehabilitation – Respiratory Therapy).

Come summer, Bryce plans on working at one of the hospitals here in Winnipeg as a respiratory therapist.

On Receiving His Scholarships:

"For me, scholarships were more than just the monetary alleviation that they provide. What impacted me was the knowledge that my high school educators foresaw a future for me.

After years of scholastic and extracurricular work, they chose to recognize me in a truly humbling way. That act alone instilled in me a confidence that carried me throughout my University career and continues even now as I graduate again."

On the Importance of Scholarships:

"Scholarships are important to youth for so many reasons. They are a means for education, they instill a sense of pride in schooling, and they represent an achievement for what the students have accomplished."



Name: David Rosner

Graduated: From Maples
Collegiate in 1998

Scholarships Received:

A G. & R. Enterprises Scholarship and a University of Winnipeg entrance scholarship, as well as a citizenship plaque.

Post-Graduation Path: After high school, David attended University of Winnipeg where he won the Gold Medal for history in 2002. He then went on to graduate from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto in 2005 and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 2006.

David's career has taken him from London, England (where he was a scholarship barrister's pupil at the Middle Temple), to Brussels, Belgium (where he practiced competition law for Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, a New York-based international law firm). Today, David has returned to Canada, working at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP in Toronto, practicing in the Competition, Antitrust & Foreign Investment Group.

On Receiving His Scholarships:

"University is a critical time for developing the type of analytical skills that today's economy demands. Acquiring these skills takes time and effort from students. By reducing the financial burden of university, my scholarships permitted me to devote more time to my studies than I otherwise might have."

On the Importance of Scholarships:

"Scholarships provide students with time to think patiently and carefully about the world around them. Therein lies their value, both to the student and to our society."



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