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## On Pride and Parenthood

### A Parent Perspective on Scholarships

When we think of scholarships and awards, we naturally think of the students being recognized. But there are others who share in the sense of pride and accomplishment – the parents.

Certainly, the parent of a student who has been awarded a scholarship feels a sense of pride in seeing their child or children recognized for their hard work. But there is also something else to it: seeing their future starting to form.

**Charlene Gusberti,  
Mother of Desiree Scott**

Most Canadians know the name Desiree Scott. She's a member of Canada's Bronze medal winning Olympic soccer team, an accomplished soccer coach, an ambassador for KidSport and currently a player with the FC Kansas City in the National Women's Soccer League.

But before she was "Desiree the Destroyer," she was Desiree the

daughter; a student and athlete driven to succeed. And her mother, Charlene Gusberti, credits some of that to the scholarships Desiree was awarded.

"I think winning the scholarships just made Desiree want to go on even more, to prove herself more," says Charlene. "She's always wanted to be top of the line, never accepted loss very well and when she got her scholarships... all the praise gave her the confidence to believe in herself and be a better player."

Charlene also noted how the scholarships were helpful from a financial standpoint.

"It was a different time financially and I was a single parent," she says. "When Desiree got full scholarships to university, that helped me to help her."

But it wasn't a free ride. Charlene recalls, "Desiree had to pick up part-time jobs and things too. They call it a full scholarship but there are the costs of books and other things as well."

"Desiree got a part-time job. She worked hard. I think everything helped her to get to where she is today."

Needless to say, that drive and commitment has served Desiree well on and off the soccer field.

"Des has a lot of character," says Charlene with obvious pride. "I know I'm blowing my own horn there because she's my daughter but she turned out to be a spectacular daughter."

**Harriet Zaidman,  
Mother of David, Mark and  
Michelle Rosner**

The value of education is well-known to the Zaidman family.

The late Ben Zaidman was a well-loved and respected Seven Oaks School Board Trustee, community leader and champion of education. His daughter,



Harriet is herself a teacher and proud mother of three children who were awarded scholarships through the Seven Oaks Education Foundation.

“The scholarships our children received recognized their academic achievements and their involvement in school leadership, clubs, sports and extra-curricular activities,” says Harriet. “And the financial assistance eased the cost of university education for our family, allowing the kids to focus more on their studies rather than worrying about tuition.”

“Although we raised our children with the expectation of attending university,” she says. “we saw that being recognized added a sense of purpose.”

That sense of purpose and the respect for education instilled by their family has certainly served David, Mark and Michelle well.

All three graduated with Arts degrees from the University of Winnipeg and went on to further studies. David earned a law degree and practices law in Toronto. Mark earned his Masters in Philosophy at York University, a PhD from Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, taught at the University of Manitoba is now the Director of Research for the New Democratic caucus in the Manitoba Legislature. Michelle earned a Masters in History and French Literature at Queen’s, followed by a Bachelor of Education at the University of Winnipeg, and now teaches French Immersion at the high school level in Winnipeg. All three are also very active in their communities.

“Scholarships can make the difference in a young person’s life,” says Harriet. “Financial support and the adrenaline that comes with the honour of receiving it can motivate or allow a young person to pursue his or her dreams.”

“We saw the results in our children and wish the same for everyone else’s children, too.”

### **Carol Weedmark, Mother of Cameron, Bryce and Ian Weedmark**

We’ve all heard how Mom knows best. Certainly, Carol Weedmark’s boys Cameron, Ian and Bryce took that to heart when they listened to their mom talk to them about the importance of education.

“My boys never took anything for granted,” says Carol. “They always worked hard in school. I always told them never to take their education for granted and I hoped they had aspirations to go on to university.”

As a single parent raising three sons, Carol knew that her ability to help financially would be somewhat limited. But her boys’ hard work paid off with entrance scholarships to the University of Winnipeg that helped them defer some of the costs.

“I had hoped they would get something, but it’s still always a surprise when they do,” says Carol, remembering the ceremonies where her sons were awarded their scholarships. “They still had to work part-time jobs but the scholarships were just such a huge help. They knew they would get a better job if they went to university.”

All three boys did indeed succeed in their careers after university. Cameron, the eldest, earned his Honours degree in Biology and now works as a Water Treatment Officer with the City of Winnipeg. Ian originally wanted to go into chemistry, but changed his path and ended up getting his business degree and now works as an Assistant Manager at one of Winnipeg’s Liquor Marts. Bryce always wanted to work in the medical field in some aspect and is now a respiratory therapist at Health Sciences Centre.

“I’m so proud of all my sons and their achievements,” says Carol. “I believe that hard work always does pay off, no matter what you do, be it school work or at a job.”

“I think scholarships remind people that if you work hard you will be rewarded in the end. It doesn’t have to be the financial piece... but that doesn’t hurt as well!”

### **Jose and Maria Ulloa, Parents of Charlie, Michael and Karla Ulloa**

Though Charlie Ulloa was the only one who was awarded a scholarship through the Seven Oaks Education Foundation, all three of the Ulloa children have been recognized for their studies... and their parents couldn’t be prouder.

“They were going to university one way or the other because I would have made sure of that,” laughs Jose. “We are immigrants here and they are first generation Canadians. So we encourage them to strive for higher education because that’s how you succeed. And getting scholarships helped encourage them to succeed.”

Jose believes part of the encouragement came from their scholarships enabling the children to attend the schools of their choosing.

“You can go to any school to study, sure,” says Jose, “but when you have a certain school in mind and you go there.... When you have a plan and it starts coming together...maybe it gives you that extra push. And maybe that helps make your dreams come true.”

“There’s certainly a sense of pride, of course,” says Jose. “The year my boys won was such a great year. Charlie also won the Governor General’s Award – that was just the highlight of the night!”

“We’re so proud of all of our children,” says his wife, Maria.

All three of the Ulloa children won scholarships, and all three are succeeding in their post-high school careers. Charlie went to Queen’s University to study Engineering before going on to the University Waterloo where he took a Masters in Nanotechnology. Michael won a scholarship in Royal Military

College and at 29 years old is now a Civil Engineer as well as a Major in the Air Force. Karla had also won a scholarship a few years prior. As an economist and a post-graduate in International Business, she is currently working in the US for a Canadian company.

But Jose also sees another important part of scholarships even beyond encouraging the success of those awarded.

“Yes, it promotes the student and it promotes the growth of the one who receives it,” says Jose. “But the students in the grades behind, they can see how if they work hard, they can get a scholarship. They see it’s possible. So when people win a scholarship, they also serve as an example for others.”

## DONATE TO SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Foundation raises funds to help students realize their post secondary goals and engages the Seven Oaks community in actively supporting the post secondary experience.

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**SEVEN OAKS**  
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# Scholarships 2016

A quick look at this years’ scholarship recipients – scholarships made possible through the Seven Oaks Education Foundation, the Seven Oaks School Division and community members and organizations.

### ADULT LEARNING CENTRE

Pow Wow Scholarship.....	Natasha Tassone - \$500
Seven Oaks Education Foundation .....	Antonia Valiquette - \$500
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

### MET SCHOOL

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Scholarship .....	Wencke Rudi - \$500
Emergent BioSolutions Scholarship .....	Jamie Lee Hubka - \$400
Mynarski Citizenship Scholarship .....	Sarah Carr - \$300
Nic Curry Young Leaders Scholarship .....	Jamie Lee Hubka - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship.....	Sarah Carr - \$500
Ken Spencer “Cutting Edge” Scholarship .....	Brent Fisher - \$1,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>

### WAYFINDERS

Wayfinders Scholarships.....	Kimwell Rondella - \$6,000
	Michael De Guzman - \$6,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>

### CATEP

Pow Wow Scholarships .....	Jesse Chartrand - \$250
	John McLean - \$250
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$500</b>

### GARDEN CITY COLLEGIATE

#### SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

Ann and Paul Ruta Scholarship .....	Brandon Lavallee - \$200
Arnold G. Minish Anniversary Award .....	Brock Uhryniuk - \$500
Francis Standil Memorial Scholarship .....	Jenel Cuya - \$250
Glen Proudlove Memorial Scholarship .....	Jessica Ruggles - \$250
Graham Murray Memorial Scholarship .....	Daniel Fraser - \$250
Greg Zazulak Memorial Scholarship .....	Jillian Daien - \$200

Howard & Sari Sinaisky Memorial Scholarship .....	Brittney Newman - \$1,000
Jake Yakmission Memorial Scholarship.....	Russell Malaban - \$500
John Trevenen Memorial Award .....	Dan Saguinsin - \$300
Lindsay C. Ulrich Memorial Sports Scholarship.....	Noah Skorpad - \$750
O. V. Jewitt Memorial Scholarship .....	Tiana Vergata - \$250
R.D. Bell Memorial Award/Maltz Family Award .....	Luke Young - \$250
Robert Jolly Memorial Award .....	Angelica Dolinski - \$250
S.O.S.B. Scholarship –	
John Leaman Memorial Scholarship .....	Mary Anne Ragasa - \$300
Seven Oaks School Board Scholarship .....	Meaghan Harik - \$500
Seven Oaks School Division Scholarship .....	Lhyanne Soto - \$500
Vince Leah Scholarship/A. E.Wright Memorial Award.....	Christian Phillips - \$250

### SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION AWARDS

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Creative Arts Scholarship .....	Melissa Wolk - \$500
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Technology Scholarship.....	Pamela Paras - \$500
Early Years Education Scholarship .....	Klarence Suministrado - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship.....	Tracie Leost - \$500

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED THROUGH SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

David Allen Ball Memorial Scholarship .....	Lino D’Ottavio - \$500
Garden City Collegiate 50th Anniversary Reunion Scholarship ..	Nicole Smith - \$1,500
Kendra Latzkitsch Memorial Scholarship.....	Venus Ramos - \$500
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund .....	Alison Gereta - \$500
Ric Dela Cruz Memorial Scholarship.....	Matthew Martin - \$500
Mynarski Citizenship Scholarship .....	Andrea Trinidad - \$500
CUPE 731 Scholarship .....	Reuben Hillman - \$500
CUPE 949 Scholarship .....	Sheree Mendoza - \$500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award,	
City Councillor, Old Kildonan.....	Roksana Staszynska - \$300
Devon Brar Memorial Scholarship .....	Sheree Mendoza - \$1,000

Emergent BioSolutions Scholarship.....	Carmela Cura - \$400
Miriam & Philip Maltz Scholarship in English Studies.....	Sorsha Moore-Peters - \$200
Platinum Jets Scholarship.....	Jade Ferens - \$1,000
R.M. OF West St.Paul Scholarship .....	Andrew Shymanski - \$300
Susan Popeski Memorial Scholarship.....	Patricia Navarro - \$500
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$17,200</b>

## MAPLES COLLEGIATE

### SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

a) Vocational.....	Christian Ramones - \$150
b) Faculty of Education .....	Rebekah Halvorsen - \$300
c) Faculty of Arts/Science.....	Jordyn Pepin - \$300
Faculty of Arts/Science .....	Deanna Ispinoso - \$300
d) University I (a first year Post Secondary Program) .....	Sophia Sy - \$300
Vince Leah/Maples Letterman Sports Award .....	Eric Braganza - \$300
Ken Seaford Award.....	Haley Venton - \$300
Jake Yakmission/O. V. Jewitt Scholarship .....	Lealyn Carlos - \$250
Jake Yakmission/O. V. Jewitt Scholarship .....	Alyshia Da Silva - \$250
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Classic Scholarship .....	Earl Placido - \$350
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award.....	Jericho Abraham - \$250
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award.....	Christiana Tabios - \$250
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award.....	Ninna Legaspi - \$250
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award.....	Nica Rugay - \$250
Seven Oaks School Board Bursary .....	Navpreet Dhaliwal - \$400
Seven Oaks School Board Bursary .....	Ronell Maquimot - \$400
Seven Oaks School Board Bursary .....	Monica Sharma - \$400

### THE SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS

a) Campus Life/Future Paths.....	Neil Hildebrand - \$500
	Jason Walcer - \$500
b) Creativity in the Arts.....	Jasmine Dela Cruz - \$500
c) Technical Trades .....	Lance Ortega - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship.....	Jordyn Pepin - \$500

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED THROUGH SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Cody Joss Memorial Scholarship .....	Joshua Crisotomo - \$500
Edie Wilde Scholarship Fund.....	Bobby Galupe - \$500
Mae Mendoza Scholarship.....	Jake Moral - \$750
Maples Collegiate Alumni Scholarship.....	Reine Yap - \$600
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund .....	Lara Cabaguio - \$500
Toby Cracknell Award .....	Kristen Claydon - \$500
CUPE 731 Scholarship .....	Devon Couto - \$500
CUPE 949 Scholarship .....	Chashandeep Brar - \$500
Edie Wilde Scholarship Fund.....	Manny Green - \$500
Emergent BioSolutions Scholarship.....	Anjali Goel - \$400
Lion's Club of West St. Paul Scholarship.....	Speidel Connor - \$500
Roy Snow Bursary Award.....	Robinpreet Dhillon - \$500
Roy Snow Bursary Award.....	Baldeep Sidhu - \$500
Roy Snow Bursary Award.....	Deanne Nixie Miao - \$750
Roy Snow Bursary Award.....	Ronell Maquimot - \$750
Maricel Lisan Memorial Scholarship.....	Chashandeep Brar - \$1,000
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan .....	Beth Ivison - \$300
Platinum Jets Scholarship.....	Jenica Madrid - \$1,000
R.M. OF West St.Paul Scholarship .....	Rachel Alguire - \$300
Walter Janzen Memorial Award.....	Lucas Parisien - \$400
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$18,750</b>

## WEST KILDONAN COLLEGIATE

### SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

James C. Anderson Award .....	Evan Proskin - \$300
Jake Yakmission Memorial Scholarship.....	Bonnie Tran - \$400
John Leaman Memorial Scholarship .....	Erin Andrushuk - \$300
Olive & George Allen Memorial Scholarship.....	Veronica Kras - \$300
SOSD/SOEF Faculty of Education Scholarship .....	Kayla Orvis - \$300
SOSD/SOEF Faculty of Arts and Science Scholarship.....	Khaye Fernandez - \$300
West Kildonan Collegiate Student Recognition Award .....	Hayley Ward - \$300
West Kildonan Kiwanis Club Scholarship.....	Alyssa Reimer - \$300
O. V. Jewitt Memorial Scholarship .....	Tyler Leighton - \$300
SOSD/SOEF Scholarship .....	Teagan Whitlaw - \$400
SOSD/SOEF Scholarship .....	Alyssa Jackson - \$400
Guy De Caire Scholarship.....	Nicole Pacheco - \$300
Ian Dordick Memorial Award for English.....	Tessa Bortoluzzi - \$300
Arthur E.Wright Award for Technology & Applied Arts .....	Victoria Tess - \$250
Vince Leah Sports Award .....	Hayley Ward - \$300
The Bailey Family Computer Science Award.....	Kalina Georgettes - \$250

### SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Creative Arts Scholarship .....	Christine Goodman - \$500
SOSD/SOEF WKCI Citizenship Scholarship.....	Mikaela Perillo - \$500
SOSD/SOEF Campus Life Scholarship .....	Melissa Shapiro - \$500
Opening Doors Scholarship.....	Lita Bruyere - \$2,000
Judy Silver Memorial Scholarship Fund.....	Alex Vandenakker - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship.....	Keira Fulmore - \$500

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED THROUGH SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Bill McGowan Scholarship .....	Evan Proskin - \$500
David B. Oster Memorial Scholarship .....	Natalie Duplak - \$500
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund .....	Jessica Ramgotra - \$500
Steven Hurst Creative Arts Scholarship .....	Brendan Labarre - \$500
WKCI 50th Anniversary Scholarship .....	Jaymie Hladun - \$650
WKCI 50th Anniversary Scholarship .....	Sarah Baldwin - \$650
Paul Anderson Award.....	Cody Merritt - \$650
Ray Ciwko Memorial Scholarship.....	Petro Hrynda - \$500
Mynarski Citizenship Scholarship.....	Brook Sims - \$500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan .....	Diane Toan - \$300
CUPE 731 Scholarship .....	Rebecca Looker - \$500
CUPE 949 Scholarship .....	Alexander Hryndzio - \$500
CUPE 949 - Ray Ciwko Scholarship.....	Kalina Georgettes - \$500
Emergent BioSolutions Scholarship.....	Mikaela Perillo - \$400
Lion's Club of West St. Paul Scholarship.....	Hayley Harvey - \$500
Marjorie Jean Sanders Bursary (Platinum Jets).....	Zach Brenda - \$1,000
R.M. OF West St.Paul Scholarship .....	Evan Proskin - \$300
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$18,450</b>



**TOTAL Scholarships: \$71,100**