



SEVEN OAKS
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SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION CELEBRATES GRADUATES AND FUTURE TEACHERS!

Seven Oaks honours high school and education program graduates with Grad Powwow, video message.

Seven Oaks School Division (SOSD) just put on its 12th Grad Powwow – virtually this year due to COVID. Over the years the event has grown leaps and bounds becoming a beautiful community event packed with people.

“It brings culture, families and academics together,” Sherry Denysuik, Director at Adult Education Centre and Indigenous Inclusion, says.

Along with honouring graduates, the powwow also celebrates powwow clubs, jigging clubs, drumming groups, and fiddling groups happening in early and middle years schools. Staff from many clubs and school levels volunteer to help, with numbers growing each year.

“As an Indigenous person it makes you feel proud to see your culture celebrated, and it makes me feel proud to be part of Seven Oaks... it’s reconciliation in action when we do this work,” Denysuik, who is Anishinaabe from Sagkeeng First Nation, says.

The powwow also honours graduates of the Community-Based Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (CATEP) – a joint program with the University of Winnipeg where students work as EAs, graduate with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education and get hired into SOSD to increase the number of Indigenous educators.

“I am in awe of the students as they work full time, take courses at night and in the summer – and many of them are raising families,” Denysuik says.

Honouring these graduates makes the powwow more meaningful because they already work in the division and will soon be teaching in the division.

On top of the Grad Powwow, SOSD celebrated high school grads with a congratulations video message! The video to celebrate grad’s accomplishments featured elders, dancers, students talking about their positive experiences in school and the role of their teachers.

“Because it was a video, we were able to interview grads and find out what they intended to do – every single grad had a plan,” Denysuik says.

The video also featured a jigging performance by Mikey Harris and his siblings, students talking about their heritage and culture and scholarship award winners were announced.

A solemn moment in the video acknowledged the discovery of the 215 children buried on the site of a former residential school in Kamloops and the SOSD offered a statement of support.

Denysuik emphasizes how proud she is of SOSD students and staff for making the school year and these celebrations happen.

“They found ways to organize even through the pandemic – using smaller groups, listening to recordings so they could learn and despite going remote again, were able to put it together,” she says.

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SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2021 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

ADULT LEARNING CENTRE

Pow Wow Scholarship	Kelsey Williams	\$ 300
Seven Oaks Education Foundation	Chantalle Vivier	\$ 500
David Smeltzer Memorial Scholarship	Fatemeh Hosseini	\$ 1,000
Total		\$ 1,800

ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE

Pow Wow Scholarship	Leon Mann	\$ 300
Total		\$ 300

MET SCHOOL

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Scholarship	Issac Henderson	\$ 500
Pow Wow Scholarship	Dana Hernandez	\$ 500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award. Citv Councillor. Old	Cole Peters	\$ 250
Total		\$ 1,250

MAPLES MET SCHOOL

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Scholarship	Brian Guevarra	\$ 500
Mondetta Scholarship	Taylor Eastman	\$ 1,000
Levin Lamoureux Award	Tobi Cripe-Martens	\$ 300
Diljeet Brar Award	Ben Ireland	\$ 500
Mintu Sandhu Award	Stanley Frv	\$ 500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award. Citv Councillor. Old	Manvinder Dhillon	\$ 250
Pow Wow Scholarship	Pameet Buttar	\$ 300
Total		\$ 3,350

CATEP PROGRAM

Pow Wow Scholarship	Braden Berens-Squires	\$ 500
Total		\$ 500

GARDEN CITY COLLEGIATE

Seven Oaks Education Foundation / Seven Oaks School Board Awards:

Ann and Paul Ruta Scholarship	Cameron Anderson	\$ 500
Arnold G. Minish Anniversary Award	Aela Geron	\$ 500
Francis Standil Memorial Scholarship	Faith Kergen	\$ 500
Glen Proudlove Memorial Scholarship	Harmandeep Kaur	\$ 500
Graham Murrav Memorial Scholarship	Kavla Odidison	\$ 500
Greg Zzulak Memorial Scholarship	Lindsay Weiser	\$ 500
Howard & Sari Sinaisky Memorial Scholarship	Sarah Desousa	\$ 1,000
Jake Yakmission Memorial Scholarship	Haley Santos	\$ 500
John Trevenen Memorial Award	Nicholas Pfund	\$ 500
Lindsay C. Ulrich Memorial Sports Scholarship	Nicholas Vega	\$ 750
O. V. Jewitt Memorial Scholarship	Jhenel Salazar	\$ 500
R.D. Bell Memorial Award / Maltz Family Award	Geaine Gonzales	\$ 500
Robert Jolly Memorial Award	Jared Vergara	\$ 500
S.O.S.B. Scholarship - John Leaman Memorial Scholarship	Paul Baran	\$ 500
Seven Oaks School Board Scholarship	Jennica Orcullo	\$ 500
Seven Oaks School Division Scholarship	Ethan Soares	\$ 500
Vince Leah Scholarship/A. E. Wright Memorial Award	Kaiya Biluan	\$ 500

Seven Oaks Education Awards

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Creative Arts Scholarship	Daphne Castillo	\$ 500
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Technology Scholarship	Caleb Mustapha	\$ 500
Opening Doors Scholarship	Jendaya Atkinson	\$ 2,000
Pow Wow Scholarship	Kaitlyn Emms	\$ 150
Pow Wow Scholarship	Daiia Torres	\$ 150

Other Scholarships funded through Seven Oaks Education Foundation

Adam Kalechyn Business Scholarship	Hien Do	\$ 1,000
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David B. Oster	Kateryna Rudnyk	\$ 500
Garden City Collegiate 50th Anniversary Reunion	Sarah Cameron	\$ 1,200
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Julian Himick Memorial Scholarship	Cameron Anderson	\$ 1,000
Kendra Latzkitsch Memorial Scholarship	Dianne Palce	\$ 700
Miriam & Philip Maltz Scholarship in English Studies	Kienna Tabuena	\$ 500
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Ann Jenelv Navarro	\$ 600
Ramonna Gallos Scholarship	Rebecca Tegegn	\$ 500
Toby Cracknell Award	Yuriv Kozak	\$ 750
Zach Smith Passion Scholarship	Denzvl Lontaio	\$ 500
CUPE 731 Scholarship	Spencer Wallace	\$ 500
CUPE 949 Scholarship	Ermina Marie Roxas	\$ 500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old	Leah Kotchon	\$ 250
Mynarski Citizenship Scholarship	Justin Tamaca	\$ 500
PlatinumJets Scholarship	Phoenix Pangman	\$ 1,500
Emergent BioSolutions Scholarship	Mikaela Mercado	\$ 400
Lion's Club of West St. Paul Scholarship	Alvssa Medeiros	\$ 500
Mondetta Scholarship	Laila Borgford	\$ 1,000
Jarred Ogungbemi-Jackson Basketball Scholarship	Ouelx Maclang	\$ 250
R.M. OF West St. Paul Scholarship	Kaitly Enms	\$ 300
Susan Poneski Memorial Scholarship	Revanna Rebusas	\$ 500
Total		\$ 27,200

MAPLES COLLEGIATE

Seven Oaks Education Foundation / Seven Oaks School Board Awards:

a) Vocational	Abhishek Kaushik	\$ 500
b) Faculty of Education	Giordana Napolitano	\$ 500
c) Faculty of Arts / Science	Oceana Clarke	\$ 500
Faculty of Arts / Science	Anadee Jagdeo	\$ 500
d) University I (a first year Post Secondary Program)	Lara De Leon	\$ 500
Vince Leah / Maples Letterman Sports Award	Oceana Clarke	\$ 500
Ken Seaford Award	Rianna Aledia	\$ 500
Jake Yakmission / O. V. Jewitt Scholarship	Simeran Gill	\$ 500
Jake Yakmission / O. V. Jewitt Scholarship	Richard Ilagan	\$ 500
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Classic Scholarship	Xena Gonzales	\$ 500
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award	Maleena Grewal	\$ 500
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award	Pamela Siuaagan	\$ 500
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award	Christian De Matta	\$ 500
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award	Lara De Leon	\$ 500
Seven Oaks School Board Bursary	Aira Aranzanso	\$ 500
Seven Oaks School Board Bursary	Harmukh Gill	\$ 500
Seven Oaks School Board Bursary	Oliber Reyes	\$ 500

The Seven Oaks Education Foundation Awards

a) Campus Life / Future Paths	Levi Tudlik	\$ 500
b) Creativity in the Arts	Erin Teodoro	\$ 500
c) Technical Trades	Rain Caldit	\$ 500
Pow Wow Scholarship	Sophia Bird	\$ 300
Judy Silver Memorial Scholarship	Caile Desepida	\$ 500
Truth & Reconciliation Scholarship	Shalvn Muswagon	\$ 500
Early Years Education Scholarship	Victoria Nguven	\$ 500

Other Scholarships funded through Seven Oaks Education Foundation

Bill McGowan Scholarship	Sean Alarcon	\$ 500
Cody Joss Memorial Scholarship	Abdi Deis	\$ 500
Mae Mendoza Scholarship	Paolo Lacaba	\$ 1,275
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Maples Collegiate Alumni Scholarship	Maleena Grewal	\$ 1,400
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Nicholas Prost	\$ 600
Dr. Kanwal Saran Prairie Trails Medical Centre Award	Anne Detablan	\$ 500
Gwen Birse Scholarship	Aaron Datablan	\$ 500
West Kildonan Curling Scholarship	Dricka Nabong	\$ 500
Elizabeth Schachter Memorial Scholarship	John Detablan	\$ 1,200
CUPE 731 Scholarship	Marian Tiatco	\$ 500
CUPE 949 Elizabeth Clayton Memorial Scholarship	Jan Yvette Magarang	\$ 500
CUPE 949 Ray Ciwko Memorial Scholarship	Tristan Barraquio	\$ 500
Emergent BioSolutions Scholarship	Drishti Sandhu	\$ 400
Lion's Club of West St. Paul Scholarship	Ozius Esteban	\$ 500
Roy Snow Bursary Award	Jan Madarang	\$ 500
Roy Snow Bursary Award	Amy Burnett	\$ 500

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Roy Snow Bursary Award (RoyZart)	Shakira Rampersad	\$ 800
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Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old	Jagtar Saka	\$ 250
PlatinumJets Scholarship	Jesse Valiquette	\$ 1,500
Mondetta Scholarship	Amv Burnett	\$ 1,000
Credit Union Central Order of Merit	Harmukh Gill	\$ 1,000
Total		\$ 28,800

WEST KILDONAN COLLEGIATE

Seven Oaks Education Foundation / Seven Oaks School Board Awards:

James C. Anderson Award	Hariot Dhanoa	\$ 500
Jake Yakmission Memorial Scholarship	Eisene Gonzales	\$ 500
John Leaman Memorial Scholarship	Kvle San Juan	\$ 500
Olive & George Allen Memorial Scholarship	Lois Lacson	\$ 500
SOSD/SOEF Faculty of Education Scholarship	Caitlyn Hart	\$ 500
SOSD/SOEF Faculty of Arts and Science Scholarship	Hvden Mota	\$ 500
West Kildonan Collegiate Student Recognition Award	Diogo Iwasaki	\$ 500
West Kildonan Kiwanis Club Scholarship	Stephanie Vidmar	\$ 500
O. V. Jewitt Memorial Scholarship	Halle Dupre	\$ 500
SOSD/SOEF Scholarship	Sarah Petrie	\$ 500
SOSD/SOEF Scholarship	Dorian Soares	\$ 500
Guy De Caire Scholarship	Meagan Silva	\$ 500
Ian Dordick Memorial Award for English	Surina Aulakh	\$ 500
Arthur E. Wright Award for Technology & Applied Arts	C.J. Jobli	\$ 500
Vince Leah Sports Award	Brendan Schultz	\$ 500
The Bailey Family Computer Science Award	Darrian Reidulff	\$ 500

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Scholarships

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Creative Arts Scholarship	Braeden Rostek	\$ 500
SOSD/SOEF WKCI Citizenship Scholarship	Allison Bertrand	\$ 500
SOSD/SOEF Campus Life Scholarship	Aren Dexter-Nickel	\$ 500
Pow Wow Scholarship	Chloe LaForte	\$ 500

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Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Meagan Silva	\$ 600
David Allen Ball Memorial Scholarship	Hariot Dhanoa	\$ 600
William Finlev Memorial Scholarship	Tommy Lavallee	\$ 1,000
WKCI 50th Anniversary Scholarship	Conan Hodgkinson	\$ 875
WKCI 50th Anniversary Scholarship	Nicholas Kiesman	\$ 875
Eddie Wilde Scholarship	Dylan Beall	\$ 1,000
Emergent BioSolutions Scholarship	Raymond Nguen	\$ 400
Partridge Family Scholarship	Rachel Church	\$ 500
Mynarski Citizenship Award - Councillor Ross Eadie	Aren Dexter-Nickel	\$ 500
CUPE 731 Scholarship	McKav Hutchinson	\$ 500
CUPE 949 Scholarship	Surina Aulakh	\$ 500
General Monash Branch No.115 - Royal Canadian Legion	Regan Foster	\$ 500
General Monash Branch No.115 - Royal Canadian Legion	Keira Foster	\$ 500
Lion's Club of West St. Paul Scholarship	Nicholas Kiesman	\$ 500
Marjorie Jean Sanders Bursary (PlatinumJets)	Katelyn Feschuk	\$ 1,500
Barber Family Scholarship	Vanessa Chimuk	\$ 250
Barber Family Scholarship	Sean Koenig	\$ 250
West Kildonan Curling Club Scholarship	Celina Romaniw	\$ 500
West Kildonan Curling Club Scholarship	Ethan Winning	\$ 500
Helen Himick Memorial Scholarship	Emily Guerra	\$ 1,000
R.M. OF West St. Paul Scholarship	Brady Childs	\$ 300
Ric Dela Cruz Memorial Scholarship	Raymond Nguen	\$ 500
Steven Hurst Creative Arts Scholarship	Liam Johannson	\$ 1,350
Mondetta Scholarship	Brock McRae	\$ 1,000
Total		\$ 26,000

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED \$ 89,200

Seven Oaks Education Foundation is an organization dedicated to providing the students of Seven Oaks School Division access to post-secondary education.

The Foundation raises funds to help students realize their post-secondary goals through scholarship opportunities and distributes these funds to facilitate learning for as many students as possible.

Home Routes/Chemin Chez Nous is a Winnipeg based non-profit organization initiated by Mitch Podolak and Ava Kobrinsky. Over the past two years, SOEF and Home Routes have partnered to fulfill both of our mandates. While patrons experience top level musicianship, we are creating opportunities for Seven Oaks School Division graduates to continue their academic paths.