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## Youth Volunteer Awards

# 2014

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# Leaders of Tomorrow

## Youth Volunteer Awards

Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre

Wednesday April 9, 2014

### 2014 Leaders of Tomorrow Gala Program

5:30pm	Registration
6:00pm	Welcome & introduction Dinner & Entertainment Master of Ceremonies – Dory Rossiter Guest Speaker – Janelle Pritchard Volunteer Recognition Awards Volunteer Excellence Awards
8:30pm	Closing Remarks

### Leaders of Tomorrow Committee

**Chairperson:** Amanda Lawrence

**Members:** Rebecca Adamson, Marnie Brown, Chris Burton, Elaine Jacklynn, Becky Little, Samantha Procee, Aaron Roth

### Volunteer Lethbridge

**Staff:** Diana Sim (Executive Director), Whitney Tamayose (Volunteer Coordinator), Bill Ginther (Outreach Coordinator), Shelley Ducheminsky (Office Assistant)

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**Board of Directors:** Chris Burton (President), Leslie Vaala (Vice President), Marnie Brown (Secretary), Marianne Bohmer (Treasurer), Directors: Joyce D'Andrea, Blair Kellington, Shonna Lamb, Aaron Roth, Beverly Thomson

### Mission & History

**Mission:** The Leaders of Tomorrow program acknowledges youth who have made outstanding contributions to our community through volunteering. Volunteer Lethbridge recognizes and celebrates the dedication, conduct, and good work of the exceptional youth volunteers whose example is an inspiration to their peers.

**History:** The Leaders of Tomorrow program began in 1997 and has grown over the years. Since its launch the program has recognized 1,671 young people including 80 nominees being recognized at the 2014 Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Volunteer Awards Evening.

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## Leaders of Tomorrow Recognition Awards



### Ages 5-11

★ Dillon Blake	★ Emily Holt	★ Ashley Philip
★ Tanis Caldwell	★ Andi Hope-Rapp	★ Emma Sorsdahl
★ Oshiana Chernoff	★ Kayla Jewette	★ Chad Taylor
★ Isabel Crown	★ Kaisha Kast	★ Hailey Tutt
★ Hannah Doherty	★ Nolan Koch	★ Sarah VanderVeen
★ Jodi Ann Fester	★ Shelbi Low	★ Francis VanUden
★ Payton Grindle	★ Katherine Nicol	★ Brooklyn Watmough

### Ages 12-15

★ Carly Archibald	★ Hannah Couture	★ Kendra Nilsson
★ Owen Archibald	★ Shikhar Devmalik	★ Joshua Peck
★ Kayli Burndred	★ Kendra Enns	★ Ashley Slingerland
★ Madison Clermont	★ Rachael Harper	★ Tori Tamayose
★ Kayley Clark	★ Nadilie Merrick	★ Carson Tomiyama
		★ Sarah Ann Walker

### Ages 16-18

★ Nada Abu Omar	★ Katie Harrold	★ Cole Sanderson
★ Brennah Bauman	★ Coby Iwaasa	★ Elizabeth Spohn
★ Elani Bykowski	★ Carissa Kirk	★ Samantha Stewart
★ Brianna Carrels	★ Kendra LaRoque	★ Brett Tamayose
★ Ya-Ting Chang	★ Joel Lewis	★ Kendra Vande Brink
★ Wednesday Culley	★ Brooklyn Mereska	★ Meghan Venables
★ Nicole Emsley	★ Harshil Patel	★ Keanna Lutz
★ Loren HairyBull	★ Peter Quo	

### Ages 19-24

★ Janelle Crow Spreads Wings	★ Christina MacDonald
★ Breanne Deg	★ Natalie MacFadyen
★ Suzanne den Hollander	★ Markie Many Shots
★ Ashley de Tremaudan	★ Katlyn Schmidt
★ Paulina Izart	★ Sarah Schultz
★ Mikayla Kaiser	★ Shelby Wogsberg



## Brittany MacMillan



Brittany is a student and proud member of the Pronghorns Women's Soccer team at the University of Lethbridge. Despite her busy schedule, with work, soccer and school, Brittany works tirelessly to find volunteer opportunities that she can participate in on a regular basis, in order to give back to her community, meet new people and engage in leadership opportunities. She is continuously encouraging and empowering her soccer team and schoolmates to give back to the community and display the same care and leadership that comes so naturally to her. Brittany has been involved with a variety of not-for-profits in the Lethbridge community. Currently Brittany is working with the Streets Alive Mission to develop a mobile health program for the homeless here in

Lethbridge; this has required her to do ample research as well as help find supplies for the Streets Alive Mission's donated ambulance. Brittany has been very involved with the MS Society where she has been involved with the planning and execution of 5 separate events: The Masquerade Ball, Cabaret Fundraiser, Gift Wrapping Campaign, Zumbathon and Hit a ball for MS. Through each of these events Brittany has shown great work ethic accompanied by a positive attitude and bubbly smile. To further show her dedication to the people of Lethbridge Brittany volunteered with Operation Red Nose this 2013 season to help keep intoxicated drivers off the road. Of course Brittany is a very active member of Volunteer Lethbridge; especially regarding her time spent volunteering to the Gift Wrapping program this 2013 season.

## Jenny Hanky



Jenny began volunteering as a practicum student at the Lethbridge Youth Foundation / 5<sup>th</sup> on 5<sup>th</sup> Youth Services through her Child and Youth Care program in school. Jenny performs her duties in the employment centre assisting clients with job searches, composing resumes and completes general office duties. Jenny quickly impressed her supervisor with her professionalism, maturity and integrity. Jenny has proven herself to be a problem solver and has always persevered when faced with challenging tasks. Jenny never turns down a task and is always more than willing to do whatever is needed to assist the organization. Another role Jenny has taken on in the community is that of Volunteer Youth Leader at the Mosaic Christian Fellowship where she is a positive influence in the lives of the youth aged 9 to 17 that she mentors.

# Awards of Excellence

## Pacey Hill



Pacey is a strong leader with her fellow students at Galbraith Elementary School. She is genuine, kind, and supportive. She is always encouraging the youth at her school to help create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere. She is committed to helping others and strives to ensure that no one is left out and with the feeling they don't belong.

A year ago, Pacey approached her teachers wanting to sign up for a leadership program at Galbraith Elementary School called "Playground Pals". The goal of the program is to encourage Grade 5 students to be positive role models to younger grades. Pacey was in Grade 4 when she signed up. Since joining the

program, Pacey has received the Playground Pal of the Month Award and helped to reinstate the program after it was discontinued last year. Pacey worked tirelessly to restart it and has now taken on a leadership role to encourage her classmates to help younger students and set a positive example for others.

Pacey inspires everyone around her to make positive decisions and to be kind to others. She is also involved in different activities such as, 100 Days of School, Little League Hockey, Little League Baseball, Galbraith's choir, concerts, guitar lessons, karaoke and volunteering with a Long Term Care Facility that assists with the elderly. These are the qualities of a true Leader of Tomorrow!

## Alyssa Mehrer



Alyssa is a true leader in her community. She demonstrates fairness, responsibility and kindness with every situation she is put in. With a positive attitude, Alyssa often puts the needs of others before her own. She is a great role model to her fellow students, friends and family.

Alyssa takes part in many leadership and volunteer roles through her school. She is a member of the Wilson Leadership Club, with which she volunteers her time at the Lethbridge Food Bank, in several fundraising initiatives and school events. Outside of school, Alyssa volunteers actively and continuously encourages others to do the same. Her volunteer work in the community includes canvassing for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Canadian Diabetes Association, Fill the Bag for Hunger, JC Performance Horse Stables, Lethbridge Animal Shelter and programs with Senator Buchanan Elementary such as childcare during council meetings, Family Bingo Night and the Making Connections Clothing Exchange. With all of her hard work to set an example for others, there is no doubt that Alyssa is a true leader of tomorrow!

## Amanda High



Amanda loves to volunteer and has made an effort to balance her busy school schedule at the University of Lethbridge and a part-time job to continue to make a difference in her community. Leadership roles within the agricultural community are her specialty as she has worked with the Alberta Junior Angus Association for six years in numerous capacities such as: President, Vice President, Secretary, Director and Treasurer. While volunteering for the AJAA, Amanda raised funds for the High River flood victims.

Currently, Amanda is Director of the Southern Alberta Angus Association and has been with them for two years helping to organize activities that promote agriculture.

Amanda also spent ten years with the 4-H Club and three years on the CIBC Run for the Cure committee. In 2010, Amanda volunteered with Sunrise of Life mission where she had the opportunity to travel to Tanzania, Africa to assist at a centre for street children.

Amanda has been volunteering with Volunteer Lethbridge since 2013 where she received a SCiP internship opportunity to assist with this year's Leaders of Tomorrow Awards Program where she contributed over 100 hours.

## Shuna Talbot



Shuna exemplifies all the qualities needed to be a great leader. Through all of her involvement with the Organization of Residence Students and her participation in countless Student's Union events and clubs on campus Shuna received the 2012 U of L Students' Union Volunteer of the Year Award and she didn't stop there. Over her 4 years at the University of Lethbridge, while she has been pursuing a degree in Fine Arts, Shuna has been in many positions such as University of Lethbridge Students' Union Vice President Internal Affairs, the main liaison for clubs on the Students' Union General Assembly and currently Shuna is the President of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union.

Shuna never loses sight of the needs of her community. Shauna has volunteered with organizations outside of the University like Project Paintbrush, Rely for Life, Lethbridge

EDGE, Lethbridge and District Humane Society, Lethbridge Dragon Boat Festival and Lethbridge Senior Citizen Organization Oktoberfest. Her work with each of these organizations has usually involved some sort of leadership position that she handled with ease.

With everything that Shuna does she remains humble and continually works on improving the lives of others, her community is very fortunate to have her!

## James Kong



James is an incredible young man with a vision for the future! He is dedicated to his community and is committed to his volunteer work and leadership roles. He is respectful, kind, caring, and strives to be a model citizen. James has been able to balance his school and volunteer work, while still maintaining excellent grades.

James started volunteering for the hospital in May 2010. He quickly grew from a once a week commitment to five days a week. He enjoys his volunteer work at the hospital so much that he began encouraging others to join the hospital's volunteer team with him. Since then, he has referred several family members and friends, and has helped to grow their youth male volunteer base significantly.

In June 2011 James joined the Teen Mentoring Program with Big Brothers Big Sisters. He was soon assigned a mentee, and he spends time with every week. James enjoys his work with Big Brothers Big Sisters, as it has provided him with an opportunity to make a difference in a child's life and encourage them to give back to the community through his role modeling and leadership.

## Jacquelyn Walker



Jacquelyn is a Management student at the University of Lethbridge. She first came to Volunteer Lethbridge in 2013 looking for volunteer opportunities to connect her with the Lethbridge community. Volunteer Lethbridge quickly saw her leadership strengths and her passion for volunteering and offered Jacquelyn a SCiP internship opportunity, to assist in the planning of this year's Leaders of Tomorrow Program. Jacquelyn volunteered 160 hours making posters, placing cold calls, helping with sponsorship acquisitions and promotion of the event. Her plans are to volunteer for Leaders of Tomorrow again in 2015. Jacquelyn keeps busy volunteering with many other

organizations around Lethbridge as well, such as: The Lethbridge Public Library, The Canadian Cancer Society, YWCA, and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's Run for the Cure. This summer she will be taking on the position of Communications Coordinator for the 2014 Lethbridge CIBC Run for the Cure committee.

Jacquelyn's introduction to volunteerism occurred in High School. She was Vice President and Public Relation's Chair of her Student Council. In this position, Jacquelyn helped raise \$1000 for a school in Africa. For three years she participated in the volunteer work experience program working at 2-W Livestock Equipment performing clerical duties and learning to use computer drafting technology. She also participated in the FACES program and was asked to come back the following year as a Student Leader. There is no doubt that Jacquelyn is a true leader of tomorrow!

