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## Volunteer Lethbridge



Recognizing youth that have made extraordinary contributions to our community...

Our Leaders of Tomorrow!

Wednesday, April 15, 2015  
6pm-8:30 PM

# LEADERS OF TOMORROW GALA

Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre -Ballroom  
320 Scenic Drive South, Lethbridge



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# Leaders of Tomorrow

## Youth Volunteer Awards



### 2015 Leaders of Tomorrow Gala Program

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

### Leaders of Tomorrow Committee

**Chairperson:** Blair Kellington  
**Members:** Rebecca Adamson, Marnie Brown, Chris Burton, Elaine Jacklynn, Angeline McDonald, Alyssa Waldner, Kelly James, Shelley Ducheminsky, Courtnay Sopko, Jacquelyn Walker

### Volunteer Lethbridge

**Staff:** Diana Sim (Executive Director), Courtnay Sopko (Volunteer Coordinator), Shelley Ducheminsky (Office Assistant), Alex Drapeau (Program Coordinator, University of Lethbridge)  
**L of T Volunteers:** Alyssa Waldner (SCiP), Gillian Barrow, Scott Weber, JC Dunn  
**Board of Directors:** Chris Burton (President), Leslie Vaala (Vice President), Marnie Brown (Secretary), Marianne Bohmer (Treasurer),  
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### Mission and 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 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 1,825 young people including 74 nominees being recognized at the 2015 Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Volunteer Awards Evening.



# Recognition Awards



### Ages 5-11

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|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| ★ Kiana Bachmeier         | ★ Payton Grindle    | ★ Nolan Nishikawa   |
| ★ Emma Bolender           | ★ Chandra Haapala   | ★ Hailey Park       |
| ★ Kathy Brousseau         | ★ Ethan Hamilton    | ★ Taylor Payne      |
| ★ Fayth Destynea Chernoff | ★ Kali Hauri        | ★ Victoria Peterson |
| ★ Taya Cliften            | ★ Ronan Hinds       | ★ Ashley Philip     |
| ★ Aliyah Dahl             | ★ Emily Holt        | ★ Alexis Schultz    |
| ★ Jordan Delauw           | ★ Kiara Horak       | ★ Emma Sorsdahl     |
| ★ Esme Engel              | ★ Adam Hummel       | ★ Ty Stensrud       |
| ★ Carmen Entz             | ★ Kayla Jewett      | ★ Chad Taylor       |
| ★ Kayla Galenzoski        | ★ Dainen Lang       | ★ Brooklyn Watmough |
| ★ Alexandra Giacchetta    | ★ Cole Leboutillier | ★ Isobel Wyman      |
|                           | ★ Tyler Munnings    |                     |

### Ages 12-15

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| ★ Trinity Alles  | ★ Rose McIntosh   | ★ Jessica VanGalen     |
| ★ Jonathan Bosch | ★ Aroma Pageni    | ★ Aya Varsanyi         |
| ★ Robert Hill    | ★ Benjamin Strong | ★ Brianna Wolstoncroft |

### Ages 16-18

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| ★ Kali Adamson     | ★ Seth Harasem-Mitchell | ★ Neer Patel         |
| ★ Cassidy Barat    | ★ Clara Kuk             | ★ Peter Quo          |
| ★ Brennah Bauman   | ★ Julieanne Nogueira    | ★ Sabina Sharma      |
| ★ Heather Boychuk  | ★ Aaron Palad           | ★ Brooke Smith       |
| ★ Michael deGorter |                         | ★ Kendra Vande Brink |
| ★ Marina Galatonov |                         |                      |

### Age 19-24

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| ★ Chelsea Fleming  | ★ Holly Locke           | ★ Christopher Tissot van Patot |
| ★ Ashtin Halmrast  | ★ Heung Yee (Janis) Lui | ★ Jacquelyn Walker             |
| ★ Megan Latzkowski | ★ Jordie Prestie        |                                |



# Excellence Awards



## Michelle Kwan (19-24)



Michelle continuously demonstrates leadership and is an inspiration to others. Michelle has been an active volunteer with the Helen Schuler Nature Centre for two years, she is involved with Junior Naturalists and Extreme by Nature as a program assistant. She also acts as an Exhibit Rover where she provides direction and answers questions for visitors. Michelle is an active volunteer in other areas of her community. She volunteers with the Evangelical Free Church of Lethbridge

particularly in their children’s ministry as a Sunday School Teacher. Her work within Alberta Health Services is also commendable! She has acted as an Ice Water Deliverer and Pediatrics Volunteer where she provides one on one attention to the patients and siblings on the Pediatrics Unit. Michelle is involved in many other volunteer organizations throughout Lethbridge such as the Lethbridge and District Humane Society, The University of Lethbridge, and the Lethbridge Collegiate Institute. Michelle is consistently thinking of others first rather than the needs of herself. She displays honesty, integrity, and a dedication to making the world a better place!

## Alyssa Waldner (19-24)



Alyssa is a devoted volunteer whose passion for helping others is evident in all she does. Alyssa acts as an Assistant Music Educator to the *Con Moto* singers, where she helps spread the love of music. In addition, she has volunteered her musical leadership and talents with St. Augustine’s Church as the Music Coordinator for Vacation Bible School, Lethbridge Musical Theatre, the University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge Family Services, Lethbridge Senior Centre Organization, St. Augustine’s

Renovation Fundraiser, and the Lethbridge Remembrance Day Ceremony. Throughout her time at Winston Churchill High School, she was President of the Interact Club where she organized the “Bald for Bucks” Campaign which succeeded in raising over \$10,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. She also acted as Student Council Vice President, and the Young Blood for Life Peer Recruiter for Canadian Blood Services where she increased blood donations within her school by 50%. This year, Alyssa has taken on the role as the Leaders of Tomorrow SCiP Intern where she has assisted with the overall organization of the event. She also volunteers with Volunteer Lethbridge at Gift Wrapping and the Summer Colour Fun Run. There is no doubt that Alyssa exemplifies the qualities of a determined and willing leader!

## Samantha Hirlehey (5-11)



Samantha’s compassion, kindness, and empathy shines through in all she does. When Samantha was 2 ½ years old, her sister was diagnosed with cancer. During this time, Samantha became a vital volunteer at Ronald McDonald House in Calgary. Samantha became a willing playmate to not only her sister, but to all other children around her, offering a smile and a helping hand during their time of need. In 2013, Samantha’s sister passed away. Out of this great loss arose a determination in

Samantha to help others. Since that time she has been a speaker at Ronald McDonald House Events and has played a key role in organizing the Madison Hirlehey Memorial Golf Tournament which has raised thousands of dollars for Ronald McDonald House. On top of these accomplishments, Samantha acts as a playground pal, anti-bullying advocate and School Cross Guard at her school. She has also donated her beautiful singing voice to events around the community such as the Home and Garden Show, Whoop-Up Days, and to Hurricane Hockey Games. There is no doubt that at the young age of ten, Samantha has been able to directly impact her community through her volunteerism!

## Nicole Anton (16-18)



Nicole is an active member in her community who exemplifies hardwork and leadership. As a member of Girl Guides Canada, she has taken on several leadership roles within the program. Recently, she has been assisting with a Spark unit where her planning skills and work ethic have come to life. Not only does she help with this unit but she also takes part in many service projects with her Rangers unit including the Coulee Clean-up, Pitch-In Lethbridge, Operation Christmas Child and

volunteering with the Lethbridge Food Bank. This year Nicole organized a large event titled “Thinking Day”, where she helped plan an event for 50 registered girl guides, providing them with activities and entertainment. Nicole also enjoys volunteering within her church, community and school. She is an active Sunday School Teacher and Vacation Bible School group leader at Immanuel Lutheran Church and part of the Catholic Central High School Leadership Team. She also volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters, where she acts as a Teen Mentor. Nicole’s involvement and leadership within the community is truly an inspiration!

## Genna Bouchier (16-18)



Genna is a natural leader and works well with others, always making sure that she and her fellow volunteers are in a safe and enjoyable environment. Genna has been instrumental in the creation and development of the D.O.E.S. Light group with Volunteer Lethbridge. This group works to promote volunteerism amongst young people in the Lethbridge community, and is planning a large-scale event for International Youth Day in August 2015. Genna has also volunteered at Project

Paintbrush where she assisted with recruitment of volunteers, planning the day of, safety orientation, setup/cleanup, and other various tasks. In addition to her work with Volunteer Lethbridge, she has volunteered with numerous other organizations around the community, including LCI's Student Council, the Lethbridge Public Library, Green Acres Foundation, the Lethbridge Food Bank and the B.L.A.S.T. Program. Genna is a hard-working individual with a passion for volunteerism. She has made a lasting and positive impact on the community.

## Keaton Gibbs (16-18)



Keaton is a driven young man with much ambition to serve his community. As a member of the City of Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council, he is determined to make the voice of youth in Lethbridge heard. Keaton focuses on empowering, advocating and supporting the ideas of youth in Lethbridge. He continues to do this within his school by being a member of the Chinook High School Student Council, Interact Club and Me to We Club. In 2014, Keaton was given the opportunity to

participate in a Japanese Exchange. While in Japan, he became involved with the Ritsumeikan Uji High School Student Council. While part of this club, Keaton became an English tutor for Japanese students, fundraised for youth education and completed a video presentation on Canada. Keaton has also volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Lethbridge and District Humane Society and the Buddhist Temple of Alberta. Keaton is an ambitious young man who has contributed to his school, community, and the world!

## Katie Harrold (16-18)



Katie is an extraordinary young women who is greatly involved within her community. Katie is a vital part of her high school and is essential to the success they have experienced. She currently serves as the Coalhurst High School Student Council Chairperson where her responsibilities include running weekly meetings, planning school spirit events, coordinating dances, and managing budgets. In addition to this, Katie is an integral part of their minor official crew with all athletic events, strongly involved in the Coalhurst High School yearbook design, and a

member of the Grad Committee. Even with all of the work Katie does within her school, she always manages to find time to give back to the community! She is an active PAL Tutor with Coalhurst Elementary School where she helps develop positive reading habits in younger children and has volunteered countless hours with the Lethbridge Regional Hospital YPODs Program. In addition to this, Katie has also volunteered with Canadian Blood Services, Lethbridge Senior Centre Organization, the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation and several events within the Town of Coalhurst. With all this being said, it is evident that Katie is a passionate volunteer with an eager mind and bright personality!

## Imogen Pohl (16-18)



Imogen moved to Lethbridge in 2014 and since then she has already made an impact on the community! Imogen first started with Girl Guides of Canada as a Spark and is now finishing her final year in the Ranger Program. Through Girl Guides of Canada, Imogen has worked on several international projects such as the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, Stop the Violence and The Girl Effect. Imogen also participates in other service projects such as selling poppies for

the Lethbridge Legion and packing Christmas Hampers with the Lethbridge Food Bank. For the past year, Imogen has decided to expand her Leadership Role within Girl Guides of Canada and now helps lead a Spark Unit. She also played a fundamental role in planning "Thinking Day" which approximately 50 girls attended. Originally from Grand Prairie, Imogen was directly involved in her community there. She volunteered with the Grand Prairie SPCA and was President of the G.P. Composite High School Film Club. Imogen is an extraordinary leader who has given her skills to numerous organizations and communities!