



RECOGNIZING  
YOUTH THAT  
HAVE MADE A  
DIFFERENCE  
IN OUR  
COMMUNITY  
THROUGH  
THEIR  
VOLUNTEER  
EFFORTS

Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
6:00-8:30 PM

**21<sup>ST</sup> LEADERS  
OF TOMORROW  
AWARD GALA**

**LETHBRIDGE LODGE**  
HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

Grand Ballroom  
320 Scenic Drive South, Lethbridge



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# Leaders of Tomorrow

## Youth Volunteer Awards

### 2018 Leaders of Tomorrow Gala Program

5:30pm

Registration

6:00pm

Welcome & Introduction

Dinner & Entertainment – LCI Gold Jazz Band

Master of Ceremonies – Dory Rossiter

Guest Speaker – Trevor Brown

Volunteer Recognition Awards

Volunteer Excellence Awards

**Leaders of Tomorrow Committee: Chairperson:** Chris Burton **Members:** Elaine Jacklynn, Jacquelyn Walker, Paige McGeorge, Debra Brown, Eva Leblanc, Chelsea Eastman.

**Volunteer Lethbridge Staff:** Diana Sim (Executive Director), Chelsea Eastman (Event and Resource Development Coordinator), Shelley Ducheminsky (Financial Assistant), Keith Nalder (Membership Services Coordinator), Jenn Rasmussen (Administrative Assistant), Justin Brown (Social Media Coordinator). **Co-op Student:** Bryce Baker (UVolunteer Coordinator). **Leaders of Tomorrow Volunteers:** Michael Hakze, Scott Weber, Thea Gidyk, Levi Pilon, Julie Parkinson, Arlene Parkinson, Avery Myers, Laxmi Bastola, Michael Rennie.

**Volunteer Lethbridge Board of Directors:** Chris Roedler (President), Cheri Pokarney (Vice President), Marnie Brown (Secretary), Tolu Balogun (Treasurer), Gail Horner, Chris Burton, Leslie Vaala, Dory Rossiter, Stacy Chief Body, Melissa Johnson.

**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 this year is our 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. Since its launch, the program has recognized 2,042 young people including 143 nominees being recognized at the 2018 Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Volunteer Awards this evening.

# Recognition Awards

## Ages 5 - 11



- Akira Lane
- Allie Bilinski
- Anaya Usman
- Angeline Edrosolan
- Asia McIntyre
- Ava LeBoutillier
- Brock Heisler
- Brynn Regnier
- Charley Indzeoski
- Charlotte Sanford
- Clairabelle Kwasnicki
- Claire Dahl
- Cohen Weston
- Cole Thompson
- Cyra Wichers
- Emily Todd-Healey
- Emma Wright
- Evan Ajtai-Kugler
- Grace Shea
- Hael Hildebrand
- Hailey Marutkyn
- Hannah Duce
- Helen Van Straaten
- James Palmer-Scheurkogel
- Jayce Klein
- Jenna Kambeitz
- Jessie Acheson
- Josiah Schaaf
- Kaarina Boersma
- Kalei Leitch
- Layce Miller
- Macy Peterson
- Maria Palma
- Maria Wright
- Marit Larson
- Mason Grabowsky
- Neha Virk
- Niobe Ebel
- Noah Grimes
- Payton Bates
- Riley Klein
- Riley Pascuzzi
- Rowan Desserre
- Samantha Martin
- Samantha Walker
- Samia McIntyre
- Savannah Plaited-Hair
- Selina Sun
- Sierra Bulman
- Solomon Boersma
- Tajay Bingham

# Recognition Awards

## Ages 12 - 15

- Abbie Froom
- Alora Skoog
- Amy Richardson
- Annika Boersma
- Aroma Pageni
- Aya Varsanyi
- Catarina Dourte
- Hunter Nelson
- Isobel Wyman
- Ivy Schneider
- Jada Bartlett
- Karla Cruz
- Lisa Huynh
- Makenna Moeller
- Olivia Lahiji
- Rachael Grisnich
- Ricardo Goutchoessa
- Savanna Peters
- Shayla Desjarlais Wright
- Shilo Boersma
- Skaidrite Hardy
- Alora Skoog
- Dylan Taylor
- Julia Townley
- Kayla Galenzoski
- Kingi Smith
- Kristy Galenzoski
- Lynnae Lowe
- Nixon Ordway
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# Recognition Awards

## Ages 16 - 18

- Bhadra Pandya
- Daryna Friesen
- Garvin Situ
- Isaac Gokarn
- Jared Beler
- Jordan Kwan
- Julianna Van Velthuizen
- Kaylen Beekman
- Kush Patel
- Matea Obara
- Nimaya De Silva
- Katrina Taylor
- Sydney Takeda
- Aleisha Stewart
- Andy Sun
- Austin Moedt
- Bayda Mataay
- Braydee Dahl
- Emily Huynh
- Emma Morter
- Julia Pham
- Kaitlyn Grisnich
- Milana Chambers
- Morgan Maxwell
- Olivia Tondevold
- Paynter Allred
- Wade Zhang
- Yutong Luo
- Gavin Clifton
- Janani Egodage
- Kendra Enns
- Nyree Smith
- Peter Smith
- Trinity Alles

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## Ages 19 - 24

- Abigail Stewardson
- Alyssa Desjarlais Wright
- Antoine Gendron
- Ashley Franz
- Ashtynne Coma
- Becca Todd
- Brandon Desjarlais Wright
- Christopher Tissot van Patot
- Elliott McNab
- Gina Groger
- Jessica Franken
- Jessica Perrier
- Kendall Clarke
- Mariya Markovina
- Nikki Hort
- Shane Dorchak
- Shelby Ohno
- Skye Harding
- Stephanie Varsanyi
- Suzanne Stables
- Tiffany Trinh

# 2018 Excellence Awards



## BRAD KARAS



While creating quality relationships, Brad focuses on leading positive change in his community. He is a natural leader who is committed to serving the non-profit sector. For example, Brad has dedicated extensive time to the Lethbridge Food Bank and the YMCA.

Recognizing the value of collaboration and partnerships, Brad's commitment makes him an inspiration and a positive role model for all youth. As the VP Academic for the University of Lethbridge's Management Students Society, Brad's effective leadership role has had a large impact on developing and launching the club's first ever conference.

He is a humble, influential, and hard-working individual, with a great sense of humor. He has developed his professional competencies and leadership skills through creating meaningful and valuable peer interactions. Brad's big-picture mindset is a strength in his character that will help him accomplish all his goals in life!

## BRYCE BAKER



Bryce has been inspired to put service above self as a purpose in his life. He views serving and positively impacting his community as a pledge rather than a burden. He believes that his time is the most valuable thing he has to give.

Bryce exceeds expectations as he is selfless with his skills and services to meet the needs of those around him. During his mentorship and active involvement in the University of Lethbridge's Friendship Buddy Foreign Exchange program, Bryce has helped ease the transition into Canadian Culture for numerous international students.

Bryce's solution-focused character helps him understand the importance of pulling together to solve problems. For instance, as the VP of the University of Lethbridge's Rotaract Club, Bryce's maturity and enthusiasm helped build a stronger relationship between the Rotaract Club and the Rotary community. Bryce is an incredible example of our youth's commitment to service!

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## DAVID AWOSOGA



David is a natural leader with a strong sense of self. He is caring, passionate and a hard-worker who has demonstrated his aptitudes for positively educating and mentoring his peers. As a self-learner, David takes the initiative to go above and beyond what is expected. His high intuition and creativity has led to advancing the music program at Father Leonard Van Tighem's School.

David has developed a commitment to his community. He identified disconnects in the community and dedicated his time and skills to meet the needs. During his long-term commitment to the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization, he has actively created meaningful and healthy relationships with less fortunate youth in his community. While also at Big Brothers Big Sisters, he assists with the coordination of fundraising events and has since become their radio voice for advertisements. David is a talented young man with much to offer the community!

## DOROTHY GRAHAM



Dorothy has discovered a sense of self by connecting deeper with her interests, her community and herself through various volunteer efforts. Dorothy's passion and dedication extends beyond her local community, as she was a key contributor by creating opportunities to educate others about water and water sources in their areas. Her contribution to Waterlution continues to have an impact, even after her direct personal involvement.

Dorothy has played an influential role in the completion of a four-year strategic plan for the City of Lethbridge Youth Advisory Council. She has been instrumental in sourcing feedback and recommendations for City Council to consider on their own Strategic Plan. Dorothy's flexibility, positivity, and compassion have helped her make active change and impact everywhere she goes.

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## ISAAC OLSEN



Isaac has a natural ability to lead by example. He is eager to participate in many opportunities, soaking in what he can, and sharing excitement and encouragement to others around him. Attending the University of Lethbridge's Leadership Conference with the Vice Principal of his school, he dedicated a day to learning more about leadership and how he could continue to enhance his skills in this area. Isaac demonstrates his leadership abilities through his willingness to be kind, courteous and respectful to those around him.

Taking a keen interest in others, Isaac's warm and inviting presence draws people to him. He has a natural willingness to be kind and respectful to others. He feels he has learned a lot about himself through volunteerism and finds joy when he elevates others above himself. Isaac's kind spirit will be a refreshing delight to all his endeavours.

## LOGAN BORAS



As an individual with high moral standards and personal ethics, Logan has made service to others a priority. He began volunteering as a summer camp leader, providing a fun and safe environment for children. Logan dedicates his valuable time to Big Brothers Big Sisters serving as a positive role model. His kindness and respect has helped foster meaningful and quality relationships with younger people.

His diligence, dedication and commitment to his studies are consistent, as he demonstrates an eagerness to learn and accept new challenges. Logan selflessly gives his free time to the Wellness Club at CCHS by organizing and participating in many health-related events.

Logan is a true leader who cares about the well-being of others. He believes volunteerism enforces the values and beliefs that allow a society to grow and thrive. Logan's maturity and engagement will invite fantastic opportunities for his future!



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## MAYAH VAN SLUYS



Inspired by seniors in her school, Mayah strives to do the best she can and help others. Mayah is recognized as a reliable and quiet leader. She is respectful, gives her full attention and is readily available to help her classmates whenever needed. Her conscious effort to always extend kindness to everyone is a valuable characteristic.

Mayah demonstrates the drive to improve by pushing herself to focus and complete the tasks at hand. She is one of the first to help tidy the class, as she knows what needs to be done and completes it cheerfully.

Mayah is very friendly and inclusive as she and her friends extend a warm welcome to new students who join their class. When she sees her peers struggling, she takes initiative to help without expecting recognition. Mayah's compassion for others is a quality that will open many opportunities for her future!

## SIENNA RANDOLPH



Sienna began volunteering at age 5 and it has become a natural part of her life. She recognizes how even small acts make a world of difference. Volunteering is a fun way Sienna explored her various interests as she learned about herself and grew a strong foundation for effective leadership.

Sienna's Rotary passion, knowledge and connections have increased the clubs' capacity. Her drive, commitment and enthusiasm have helped grow the club to be more diverse, inclusive and better serve the community. Through various Rotary events, she has developed strong fundraising skills. Being a Rotarian has become an important piece of how she defines herself and identifies with her community. Her determination, positive attitude and high achieving mindset has landed her a position as Urban Spirits Rotary President, as well as other club board positions. Sienna is an intelligent and involved individual with much success in her future!

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Thank you for attending the Gala.  
We hoped you enjoyed the evening  
and feel inspired  
by all the dedicated youth  
we have in our community.