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22<sup>ND</sup>

LEADERS OF TOMORROW AWARD GALA

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

at the Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge  
320 Scenic Drive S. Lethbridge



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## 2019 Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Volunteer Awards

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| 5:30pm | Registration                         |
| 6:00pm | Welcome & Introduction               |
|        | Dinner & Entertainment               |
|        | Master of Ceremonies – Dory Rossiter |
|        | Guest Speaker – Graham McKelvie      |
|        | Volunteer Recognition Awards         |
|        | Volunteer Excellence Awards          |

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**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 these exceptional youth volunteers whose example is an inspiration to their peers.

**History:** The Leaders of Tomorrow program began in 1997. In this, the 22<sup>nd</sup> year since its launch, the program has recognized 2,042 young people including 132 nominees being celebrated at the 2019 Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Volunteer Awards.



*Thank you for attending the 2019  
Leaders of Tomorrow Gala. We hope you enjoyed the evening  
and feel inspired by the dedicated youth in our community.*

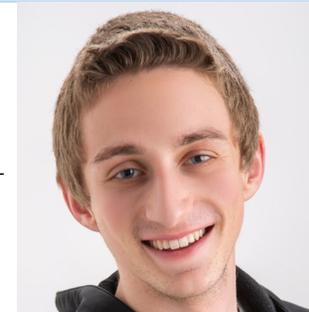


## Excellence Awards

### Antoine Gendron, 22 years old

Antoine's colleagues describe him as a dedicated activist and a change maker. While working on a Water Charter Project with the Old Man Watershed (OMW) Council as a University assignment, Antoine lead his group to be the only University student group to participate in the Water Charter signing ceremony. OMW then invited Antoine to run for a position on their Board of Directors and is currently serving as a community member.

Antoine believes that volunteering is an avenue from which his passions can flow. Continually growing as a person and having a positive impact on society are passions that drive him to be involved in many areas. He has discovered that taking care of others and the places around him without asking for something in return is an important value. His dedication to serve others is highly recognized by members in the community, including his university professors, church leaders and the agencies he has served as a volunteer. Antoine is a strong, driven leader with integrity who has much to offer his community.



### Justin Miller, 23 years old



Justin is an outstanding leader and volunteer dedicated to service in any community where he finds himself. He is admired for his devotion to becoming a Patient-Centered Physician. He is known by mentors for his exceptional leadership in revamping the ER Volunteer Program at Chinook Regional Hospital. His hard work and positive attitude brought him much success in mentoring and recruiting volunteers at the Chinook Regional Hospital. His ability to create an environment of trust, hospitality and rapport are high-

ly regarded among his mentors and peers. Justin has shared his knowledge and leadership skills in many other organizations including the U of L Pre-Med Club, Taber Minor Hockey, Cranbrook Minor Hockey and many more. He can adapt to the needs of a role while simultaneously and positively increasing the experience for both himself and those involved. Volunteering allows Justin to find a sense of belonging and purpose in his community, as well as fill the needs of the community that he is a part of. His caring and compassionate attitude will no doubt continue to make a difference in the lives of all those he serves.

## Excellence Awards



**Jesse Wamsteeker, 21 years old**

To his peers and mentors, Jesse is characterized as being a respected volunteer leader who is dedicated, motivating, and clear headed. Jesse has been known to light a room with his contagious smile and he is not one to turn down anyone in need. His exceptional organizational and planning skills are praised by those with whom he works. He is also recognized for his compassion, reliability, and approachable demeanor.

Through serving others, Jesse has discovered what he considers to be his most cherished passion, his desire to help people. Volunteering at the hospital showed Jesse how a simple smile and warm heart can have a profound impact on the recovery of patients. Serving for the Canadian Blood Services has helped him realize that he can indirectly save hundreds of lives by donating blood as well as encouraging the people around him to donate as well. The opportunities and experiences presented through volunteering has allowed for a solid formation of his sense of self. He now believes that his role in life is to help people around him the best he can. Jesse's positive mindset to create purposeful, lasting and impactful relationships are qualities that will help him achieve his life goals.

**Chelsea Kleckner, 21 years old**

Chelsea embodies leadership and selfless service in every cause and activity she takes on as she feels volunteering is a large part of her identity. Volunteering has molded Chelsea's world views in positive ways, reminding her that kindness, gratitude and service always wins. By living her life in this optimistic way, she inspires and lifts all those she encounters, through the U of L Rotaract Club, Volunteer Lethbridge, Eagles Nest Ranch, Hillcrest Evangelical Church, Lethbridge Food Bank, and Whispering Pines Camp. Her impact reaches deep into the community.

Chelsea is a genuine, strong and positive role model for her peers, adults, and especially youth. She proactively creates meaningful relationships that have lasting and profound impacts. Her work with "littles" through the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program is an excellent example. She is recognized by those she serves for her warm heart and willingness to take on new challenges. Making the most out of even the smallest of tasks is a quality that Chelsea lives by. Without a doubt Chelsea's dedication to serve others has created and will continue to create meaningful opportunities throughout her life.



## Recognition Awards 5-11 Years

- Quinn Adams  
Laurendeau
- Evan Ajtai-Kugler
- Daniel Akpaloo-Nyavor
- Nicolas Armstrong
- Samantha Arsenault
- Kaspyn Beswick
- Daxton Blokker
- Annika Boersma
- Kaarina Boersma
- Solomon Boersma
- Gaige Braun
- Sydney Campbell
- Kaitlyn Charles
- Ava Chartrand
- Kali Conte
- Claire Dahl
- Rowan Desserre
- Niobe Ebel
- Keara Farlette
- Rylan Forsyth
- Gracie Fraser
- Jayden Green
- Hailey Grimes
- Zoey Gurr
- Cecilia Hall
- Abigail Hardy
- Accayla Holloway
- Eric Hood
- Cohen Hoyt
- Jesse Jorgensen
- Caden Kerslake
- Taryn Kerslake
- Lillian Kovach
- Riley Klein
- Nevaeh Lamers
- Madelyn Lawrence
- Hannah Matsuura
- Elliotte McIntosh
- Corigan McIntyre
- Lisa McKee
- Makayla McKee
- Madyson McLean
- Samia McIntyre
- Saige Ment
- Shanelle Merritt
- Laycee Miller
- Ashlyne Molle
- Finley Morasch
- Shea Moser
- Kawika Nasol
- Makaio Nasol
- Amahra Parker
- Elizabeth Peck
- Macy Peterson
- Amelia Piquette
- Mila Reed
- Nalaini Sargeant-Hamilton
- Georgia Schindel
- Brody Schwartz
- Jordan Sheen
- Gwenyth Smith
- Sutton Soltys
- Katerina Suchy
- Emily Talbot
- Jordyn Turnbull
- Helen Van Straaten
- Barbara Walker
- Mataya White
- Mason Wolowidnyk
- Emma Wright
- Grayson Wright
- Jayde Young
- Kayla Zeeb

## Recognition Awards 12-15 Years

- Julian Bischke
- Dayton Bley
- Shilo Boersma
- Raedyn Borne
- Sydney Burke
- Isabell Cahoon
- Ashley Caldwell
- Karla Cruz
- Lucy Fromm
- Esther Hardy
- Skaidrite Hardy
- Ashley Hayhurst
- Grace Henke
- Cameron Hoiland
- Eve Hummel
- Hannah Killins
- Jayce Klein
- Mya Lawrence
- Lynnae Lowe
- Kacey Mehrer
- Josie Meyer
- Grant Nelson
- Camden Nishikawa
- Ashley Olheiser
- Ella Ortmann
- Catherine Ostoya
- Astra Pedde
- Sadie Ririe
- Kayla Robertson
- Josiah Schaaf
- Darian Setoguchi
- Kingi Smith
- Deacon Stang
- Bethany Von Burg
- Mauwa Washikala
- Nicole Woloshyniuk
- Maria Wright

## 16-18 Years

- Trinity Alles
- Austin Moedt
- Nyree Smith
- Aleisha Stewart
- Anaya Usman
- Udari Walgama

## 19-24 Years

- Hana Bissett
- Elani Bykowski
- Abby Davis
- Janey Deacon-Rosamond
- Keely Goulding
- Suraj Navani
- Peter Smith
- Suzanne Stables
- Sunil Stephenson
- Christopher Tissot Van Patof
- Olivia Tondevoid
- Tiffany Trinh

## Excellence Awards



**Ash Siever, 13 years old**

Ash has played a large role in promoting awareness and creating safe spaces for the LGBTQ2S+ youth in southern Alberta. Currently, Ash is assisting the Boys & Girls Club of Lethbridge & District, The MAT Youth Centre and The Galt Museum to create an exhibit that celebrates and preserves queer history in southern Alberta. Ash is praised for their dedication, creative writing skills, initiative, respectfulness, and inspiration to others.

Ash feels that volunteering has made positive impacts in their life by helping increase their social skills. This has also allowed Ash to spread positivity and love, and increased their ability to see other people's perspectives in those around them. They feel that getting involved with the Queer Impact Club at the Boys & Girls Club has given them a sense of belonging through making new friends and having a safe space to have their voice heard. Ash's willingness to share their talents and time to those around them make them an exceptional young leader.

**Hannah Stephenson, 15 years old**

Hannah is an ambitious volunteer who takes initiative and demonstrates dedication to the many projects she has been involved with when volunteering for Galt Museum & Archives. She is praised for her exceptional, above-and-beyond volunteer efforts and she is an invaluable asset to the Galt Museum and her community. Through her experience, Hannah has grown to be an outgoing, well-rounded person who has gained communication and organizational skills. Hannah took on various roles within the Galt such as event planning, developing program ideas, and helping with the front desk. She displayed many leadership qualities through her hard work, determination, and positive attitude. Volunteering has had a positive impact on Hannah with not only giving her a sense of self but to also give back to her community. It also helped her to see that anyone can make a difference in the lives of others in their own unique way.



**Marissa Hsu, 20 years old**



As a child, Marissa was inspired and encouraged by youth focused organizations, providing her experiences she would not have had otherwise. As a young adult, she is dedicated to serving agencies that provide for positive childhood experiences and strives to make a difference in the lives of others.

Whether Marissa is serving on a medical volunteering trip to the Dominican Republic, for the Student Refugee Program, the Canadian Armed Forces, or Delta Eta Lota Sorority, her hard work and desire to serve are her assets. Her involvement in a vast array of organizations has allowed her to develop a well-rounded worldview and build meaningful community connections. Her competitive side has helped her within the Army Cadets as she had demonstrated her willingness to serve her country for the past 3 years. Currently, Marissa is involved with the Duke of Edinburgh International Award. Marissa's keen involvement in the community and strength of character are qualities that will have positive impacts in her life.