



## Markham District Energy Sustainability Bursary



### 2015 Bursary Recipients

#### **Diana Dragomir, Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy**

Diana is a member of Father Michael McGivney's eco club and is volunteering at camps this summer emphasizing outdoor activities and teaching children about the environment. She plans to combine her passion for flying by studying geography and aviation at the University of Waterloo.

#### **Nicole Politis, St. Augustine Catholic High School**

Nicole is part of the gardening group within St. Augustine's environmental club and has educated fellow students on the benefits of locally grown produce, as well as developed ways to diversify the ecosystem around the school. She plans to take environmental engineering at the University of Waterloo.

#### **Vincent Simpatico, St. Brother Andre Catholic High School**

Vincent has participated in tree planting activities and plans to study urban planning at Ryerson University. With the knowledge he gains, he hopes to encourage land development that doesn't sacrifice wildlife and natural ecosystems.

#### **Ushpreet Mehta, St. Robert Catholic High School**

Ushpreet is the president of St. Robert's Eco Club and the Youth Environmental Network of York Region's Director of Communications. In her role with the YENYR she has organized several events to bring eco clubs from across the GTA together to plan environmental initiatives. She plans to study business and the environment at university this fall.

#### **Alexander Crupi-Nisperos, Bill Crothers Secondary School**

Alexander realized the importance of protecting the environment after participating in week-long camping trips as part of Bill Crothers' outdoor education program. He also volunteers for his neighbourhood's annual clean-up. Alexander plans to take environmental studies at university this fall.

#### **Malvin Lo, Bur Oak Secondary School**

Malvin is co-president of Bur Oak's environmental club and as such has participated in numerous environmental initiatives including tree plantings, worm composting and waste diversion. He plans to study environmental business at the University of Waterloo.

### **Safa Ansar, Markham District High School**

Safa is president of Markham District's environmental club, Eco Markham. She is currently leading the initiative to have Markham sign on as the 31<sup>st</sup> municipality to the David Suzuki Foundation's Blue Dot Project. Safa plans to study life sciences at university this fall.

### **Joshua Mak, Markville Secondary School**

Joshua is president of Markville's Eco Club and one of his initiatives was the introduction of green bins to the school, making Markville the first high school in York Region to implement a compost system. He has also participated in many environmental activities through Scouts. He plans to study environmental business or resources at Waterloo University.

### **Abineaga Muralitharan, Middlefield Collegiate Institute**

Abineaga is a member of Middlefield's GreenPeace and Me to We clubs where she has participated in activities such as tree plantings and recycling initiatives. She has also collected milk bags to send to Haiti for those who need sleeping mats. She plans to study environmental sciences at university this fall.

### **Gary Yuen, Milliken Mills High School**

Gary is a part of Milliken Mills' Specialist High Skills Major Environment Program. He plans to take architectural design at Centennial College with the aim of learning to sustainably construct buildings.

### **Edith Lam, Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School**

Edith incorporates her concern for the environment into her everyday life, walking or carpooling to school and participating in activities such as tree plantings. She plans to study environmental and resource studies at the University of Waterloo with the goal of becoming an ecologist.

### **Mia Sams, Thornhill Secondary School**

Mia is a member of Thornhill's environment club, the Ontario Nature Youth Council and the Ontario Environmental Youth Council. She volunteers at BurlingtonGreen and is helping to organize the first annual ClimateCon for high schools. She plans to study environmental sciences at Guelph University.

### **Blair Cai, Thornlea Secondary School**

Blair has participated in many environmental activities, such as garbage clean-ups in the community and Earth Hour initiatives, as well as an initiative to conserve water by using collected water from showering for other uses. She plans to attend the University of Waterloo this fall.

### **Wyanne Li, Unionville High School**

Wyanne's passion for the environment is evidenced by her success in Unionville's environmental/geography courses and her goal to live a zero-waste lifestyle. She's also produced a hypertext clip on the issue of fast food waste. Wyanne plans to take environmental studies at university this fall.