Awards Night

IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 • CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE
OUR MISSION
The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

OUR VISION
At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.
Greetings from the Director of Education and Chair of the Toronto Catholic District School Board

Celebrating Outstanding Achievement

It is a pleasure, on behalf of the trustees and staff of the Toronto Catholic District School Board, to offer our sincere congratulations to the many award recipients at this year’s celebration of Catholic education.

What a wonderful way to kick off Catholic Education Week across our Board! With this year’s theme of “Walking Forward Together”, it is truly fitting that we focus on the joy that we all share in our collective journey in Catholic education. We take great joy in watching our students become discerning believers as they navigate the path of lifelong learning.

This annual event has become one of our most celebrated as we focus our attention on what can be accomplished when we all work together for the betterment of Catholic education, celebrating our students who excel with the dedication of our staff, the support of parents, and the commitment of others in the Catholic community. The program before you showcases excellence in academics, the arts, athletics, community service, leadership, and more. It is a wonderful reminder that each of us has been given unique and special gifts that should be treasured, nurtured and ultimately shared.

We take great pride as a school board in the success of our award recipients. It is our hope that you will continue to strive for excellence in everything that you do. Let us enjoy and celebrate the outstanding achievement of all our honourees.

Congratulations to all!

Sincerely,

Angela Gauthier
Director of Education

Angela Kennedy
Chair of the Board
Celebrating Outstanding Achievement

Presentation of awards in recognition of outstanding achievement

May 1, 2017

Master of Ceremonies:
Rory McGuckin
Associate Director of Academic Affairs

7:00 p.m.  WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
GREETINGS FROM STUDENT TRUSTEE ................................................ Rhea Carlisle
PRAYER ................................................................................................. Father Michael Lehman, Catholic Teachers’ Centre
O CANADA .......................................................................................... Martina Ortiz-Luis, Cardinal Carter Academy

7:15 p.m.  GREETINGS ............................................................................ Angela Kennedy, Chair of the Board

7:20 p.m.  PRESENTATION OF AWARDS .................................................. Alumni Awards
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........................................................................................................... Student Achievement Awards

8:45 p.m.  CLOSING REMARKS ............................................................. Angela Gauthier, Director of Education

9:00 p.m.  RECEPTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Singer: Martina Ortiz-Luis, Student, Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts
Soloists: St. Margaret Catholic School
Chaminade College School’s Vivacious Dance Crew
With thanks to our DJ, Andrew Baptiste
Photo Booth: generously donated by Edge Imaging
REFLECTION AND PRAYER:

Loving God,
Almighty and ever-loving God,
We give you thanks
for the blessings of our families, where the seed of faith is planted;
for the Body of Christ, the Church, where faith is celebrated;
and for our schools, where faith is nurtured.

Lord, we believe that Catholic education is at its best
when families, parishes and schools
play, pray and work together
to spread the Good News to all.
Help us to imitate the unity of the Trinity
as we continue to grow in our faith and love towards you,
and to one another.

Through the guidance of the Holy Family,
the model of all Christian families,
and the intercession of all the Saints,
may our families, parishes and schools
remain places where the Gospel is shared
with joy, courage and love.
We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.
TCDSB AWARD OF MERIT

The Award of Merit recognizes outstanding contributions to the Toronto Catholic District School Board and to Catholic education.

DR. MARK MCGOWAN
History Professor and Senior Academic Advisor to the Dean, University of Toronto; co-editor of the award winning books: Catholics at the Gathering Place: Historical Essays on the Archdiocese of Toronto (1992), The Waning of the Green: Catholics, the Irish and Identity in Toronto, 1887-1922 (McGill-Queen's 1000) and Michael Power: The Struggle to Build the Catholic Church on the Canadian Frontier (McGill-Queen's, 2005); served as an advisor on many Catholic education committees; was a guest speaker at two province-wide symposia on Catholic education (2002 and 2011); presented the history of Ontario Catholic Education at leadership courses and on professional development days for nearly all 29 Ontario Catholic School Boards; an effective communicator and collaborative contributor to Catholic education who inspires and motivates others, for the good of our community; a humble servant who continues to nurture and maintain commitment to Catholic education and the mission and values of the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

REVEREND FATHER PATRICK O’DEA
Pastor at St. Edward the Confessor Parish; a humble yet powerful witness of faith in action, strengthening the parish, home and school partnership; served as Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Toronto; works collectively with graduates of the TCDSB, helping them to prayerfully discern their vocation and the path ahead; dedicated to his priestly vocation and works collaboratively with his parish schools: St. Edward, St. Antoine Daniel, St. Cyril and Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts to promote our Catholic faith, celebrate school masses and prepare children for the reception of the sacraments; serves school communities, parents, students and colleagues with committed, respectful and caring engagement; his community leadership and fundraising abilities continue to provide for the common good.

BRUCE RIVERS
Executive Director of Covenant House Toronto; a tireless advocate for children and youth who served on over 22 boards and committees, all of which were committed to supporting marginalised and disadvantaged children; provided expert testimony in two recent coroner’s inquests following the tragic death of two Toronto school aged children which helped guide revisions to the current TCDSB Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Guidelines; through his work with Covenant House, he works cooperatively with TCDSB to create a plan for the successful transition of pupils; approximately 4,000 youth, ages 16 to 25 utilize the support of Covenant House each year; his work has helped shape many of the practices and policies in the protection of children which were pivotal to improving the quality of life for children in our city.
TCDSB ALUMNI AWARD

The Alumni Award is presented to persons, from diverse areas of careers and endeavours, who were students in a Toronto Catholic District School Board school, who are still active in the Catholic community and who have distinguished themselves in their careers or accomplishments.

LISA CANNING
Graduate of Cardinal Carter Academy of the Arts; Bachelor of Design from Ryerson University; production designer for The Expandables (present) and Buying and Selling with the Property Brothers (2014); manages membership site called Uevangelize which helps Catholics share their faith on a social platform; an active volunteer for the Office of Catholic Youth for the Archdiocese of Toronto; consults with clients in the GTA to help them create their dream home; her practice is motivated by a desire to help people design a beautiful life; helps facilitate the Alpha Program at St. Edward the Confessor Parish which attests to her commitment to giving back to the wider community.

MARTIN MCCARTHY
Graduate of Michael Power/St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School; Ryerson University; Auxiliary Constable for Toronto Police Service Traffic Services – Motor Squad; president of R. J. McCarthy Ltd. School Uniforms; provides a personal, annual donation to support Student Nutrition Programs in TCDSB schools to the degree of over $15,000, with some of the money directed to Monsignor Fraser College to fund their graduation ceremony; philanthropist.
The Friends of Catholic Education Award was created to acknowledge significant contributions to Catholic education made by members of the general public and/or organizations who have accomplished extraordinary service to Catholic education but who may not be Catholic.

**MARCIA BROWN**

Founder and Executive Director of Trust 15 which opens doors to 200 youth in Rexdale/North Etobicoke areas; after school programs include: *Men of Distinction, Ladies on the Rise, Girls on the Rise,* and *Boys of Excellence,* which create enriching environments where youth discover new opportunities and develop a strong connection with the community around them; promotes self-esteem and confidence in young women; places of learning and friendship, allowing girls to be free and confident; a place where youth could come and feel safe and accepted, and receive much needed support; provides learning and promotes career opportunities for students; a humble servant who continues to inspire and enable youth to reach their full potential.

**KYLE LOWRY and AYAHNA CORNISH-LOWRY**

Kyle is an American professional basketball player for the Toronto Raptors of the National Basketball Association (NBA); Kyle and Ayahna co-founded the Lowry Love Foundation (2013) to touch the lives of the underprivileged and disadvantaged in order to promote their attainment of a better quality of life; through the 2014 and 2016 “Lowry’s Holiday Assist” events, 60 students from St. Paul Catholic School and Our Lady of Victory Catholic School communities each received $300 worth of toys from Toys R Us during the Christmas season, purchased by Kyle and Ayahna Lowry; the family understands the plight of needy students and wanted to do something special for them; they rode on the bus with the students to the store – prayed with them, sang the national anthem with them, cheered with them and made conversation; the children were made to feel worthy, special, and loved.

**INDIGO LOVE OF READING FOUNDATION**

Committed to providing millions of dollars in funding each year to high-needs elementary school libraries; invested in TCDSB schools to address schools’ literacy challenges; over the course of 4 years, the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation has provided TCDSB schools with over $400,000 to purchase books and transform libraries to promote literacy; focused on developing fruitful long-term relationships; believes in the scale of giving – fewer grant partners but deep investments; grants are for a 3-year period; during this 3-year period, each grant recipient is partnered with a local Indigo/Chapters/Coles store that helps the school develop a plan to use the grant funds to address the school’s literacy challenges; their support has completely changed the attitude of our children towards reading.
ASHIF JAFFER AWARD
for Excellence in Special Education Support

This award recognizes a Toronto Catholic District School Board teacher, education assistant, peer tutor/helper or volunteer who has demonstrated excellence in the support of Special Education.

ROSA MASTROFRANCESCO, Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic Secondary School
For her tireless work to integrate students with special needs into the regular classroom; for guiding her colleagues with respect, appreciation and kindness; for promoting the dignity and rights of each student; for her commitment to students, their needs, successes and achievements; for modelling excellent organization of students’ work/notes; for challenging students to reach their full potential; and for her concern that all children in her care reach their full potential.

HELENA SOUSA, Holy Spirit Catholic School
For being a valuable resource to classroom teachers in developing programming and IEPs, helping to tailor curriculum expectations and accommodations to ensure success; working collaboratively with EA team and staff to support students with special needs who are integrated into the classroom; and for going beyond her work schedule to work with students in extra-curricular activities.

SISTER MARY HAMILTON AWARD
for Exceptional Students

The Sister Mary Hamilton Award for Exceptional Students may be made annually to exceptional elementary and secondary students of the Toronto Catholic District School Board in recognition of significant personal achievements or exceptional contributions to the lives of others.

RYAN GATT, Dante Alighieri Academy
In recognition of his natural leadership and commitment to others; his resilience in the face of adversity; his ability to self-advocate; his over 135 hours of volunteer service at Dante Alighieri Academy, Cadets, the food bank, the Veterans’ Poppy Campaign, and the Santa Claus parade; his mentorship and support for youth at Dante Alighieri and Surrey Place Centre; his tireless work ethic and his academic success.

KWABENA OWUSU MENSAH, St. Jane Frances Catholic School
In recognition of his tenacity and resilience; his generosity towards others; his initiative and leadership in establishing the Battery Recycling Club; his ability as a role model and inspiration to his siblings and other D/HH students; his desire to make a difference.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Board recognizes student achievements through a Toronto Catholic District School Board Student Achievement Award for those students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement either academically, physically, spiritually or socially. This may be for an individual accomplishment or recognition at the provincial, national or international level.

ELEMENTARY

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Bohdan Hrotovytsky

Bohdan received the 3rd place prize in the Canadian National Euler Mathematics Contest. He received a National Silver Medal representing the Greater Toronto Area Region in the Math Kangaroo Contest of the University of Toronto. He is also recognized as having the top 2% IQ of the general population, earning him a membership to the Mensa Canada Society. Also this year, Bohdan received first place in the Kiwanis Music Festival of the GTA for his piano solo and public speaking.

Ms. Stellato and Ms. Nobre-Peres, Nominators

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Alexa Joyce Ouellet

Alexa won the provincial Yes I Can Award presented by the Ontario Council for Exceptional Children. The award recognizes students with exceptionalities who shine in their community. Alexa was presented with her award at an event in Toronto last December.

ST. AIDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Ryan Chi Yuan Lin

Ryan wrote a poem entitled “The Drip” which received the second place standing in the Refugee and Human Rights Child and Youth National Poetry Contest. The contest was sponsored by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and COSTI Immigrant Services.

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Gregory Vukovic

Gregory won the provincial Yes I Can Award presented by the Ontario Council for Exceptional Children. The award recognizes students with exceptionalities who shine in their community. Gregory was presented with his award at an event in Toronto last December.

Orsi Ballai, DHH Teacher, Nominator
ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Jessica Iafrate

Jessica, a grade one student, placed third in the Primary Category at the Provincial Public Speaking Contest in London, Ontario. She received a monetary gift, a plaque, a medal and a loot bag of many wonderful goodies from the Royal Canadian Legion to take home. This is the first time in St. Charles’ history that anyone has made it this far, with such a high honour in the province, and Jessica happened to be the youngest one in the competition too.

ST. JOACHIM CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Anthony Acquaviva
Gemar Agsalio
Sebastian Canlas
Jaylin Marhong

Isaac Ocampio
Alejandro Osorio
James Paul

The boys’ volleyball team from St. Joachim Catholic School came in third place at the Catholic Cup Tournament the weekend of October 28/29, 2016.

Dina Coccimiglio, Coach

ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Michael Bocale
Samantha Jargaille
Jadon Loyola
Vincenzo Silvaggio

St. Raymond won 1st place at the Skills Ontario Provincial Cardboard Boat Race challenge in Waterloo. Teams from all across Ontario competed to build a boat to race across the pool filled with students to take on the weight challenge. St. Raymond’s boat earned top speed of 15.81 seconds. The boat held a whopping 570 lbs.

David Feraday, Coach; Linda Moretti, Nominator
SECONDARY

BISHOP ALLEN ACADEMY

Michael De Lisio*  Nolan Henry  Max Skoropadsy
Chris Flug*  Josh Krautner  Justin Teichman
Nicholas Follett  Ben McKeon  Joe Tevlin
Josh Gencel  Joseph Monardo  Thomas Trudell
Patrick Gilroy  Kaio Ryan  Julian Tymochko
Michael Haggan  Taka Ryan  Matthew Viti

The Bishop Allen Academy Baseball squad earned a silver medal at the 2016 Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association’s (OFSAA) baseball championships in London. It marked their third straight OFSAA medal, having earned bronze last year and silver in 2014.

Paul Rebelo*, Head Coach; Ed Koenig, Assistant Coach

*accepting the award on behalf of the team

BISHOP MARROCCO/THOMAS MERTON CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL AND REGIONAL ARTS CENTRE

Camilo Blandon  Chris Garcia  Anthony Macedo
Damian Charles  Justin Ignacio  Andras Varga
Nuno Da Cruz  Tony Lima  Fabio Vilaca
Henrique Franco  Joao Moniz  Chris Zapata

The Senior Boys Soccer Team at BM/TM (Royals) are the TDCAA indoor soccer champs, TDCAA outdoor soccer champs, and bronze medalists at OFSAA in June 2016. The group raised over $25K worth of donated equipment, clothing, etc. to support the students of Attawapiskat. The recent unfortunate events there sparked a desire in these young student athletes to reach out to their counterparts at Vezina Secondary School. They visited Attawapiskat from June 23-30th to implement a soccer camp at the school with the local recreation coordinator. Big sponsors for their campaign were Canadian Tire, Toronto FC and ParticipACTION and Coca Cola.

Paulo Pereira, Coach; Chris Bonnici, Sean McClare, Daniele Romano, Staff
**BLESSED ARCHBISHOP ROMERO CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**Rita Zha**

Rita is an international student from Blessed Archbishop Romero who took home a silver medal in the ladies B flight (AAA equivalent) Badminton tournament at OFSAA. This is the second time Rita has represented the TDCAA at OFSAA for women’s singles.

**CARDINAL CARTER ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS**

**Julienne Lee**

Julienne, a grade 12 student submitted a photo to the Jostens Photo Contest and was selected as the National winner. Every year over 1000 photo entries across Canada are submitted for the Jostens National Photography Contest. For the first time ever, a student from Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts won the Grand Prize. They were also the sole Catholic school on the winners list.

**Martina Ortiz-Luis**

Martina was selected to sing the Canadian and American national anthems at Toronto Maple Leafs Home Games for the centennial season. She is the first first full-time anthem singer in Leafs history, chosen from hundreds of hopefuls. As a child, she was enrolled at the Royal Conservatory of Music before moving to the Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts. As a pre-teen, she wrote and recorded World Vision’s charity Christmas song. At 12, she hosted a Rogers TV program called Music In My Hood. Last year, she starred in a production of Mary Poppins, playing the lead role of Jane Banks.

**Rachel Victoria Parent**

Rachel is being recognized for her efforts to raise awareness about the risks of GMOs and motivating millions to ask questions and take action. She has been a featured speaker at a variety of events, including the Planet in Focus Environmental Film festival, The Green Living Show, Total Health Show, TEDx Toronto, WE Day, the Uplift Festival in Australia, Sonoma Valley Heirloom Expo, Toronto Veg Fest, and the Vancouver Veg Expo, to name a few. She has been acknowledged as an Emerging Leader by the The Clean50 Summit in Toronto, named one of Toronto’s Environmental Heroes by Now Magazine, recognized as one of the Seven Kids Saving the Planet Right Now by ELuxe Magazine, and was included in Canada’s Top 20 Under 20 Change Makers by the National Post. Rachel continues to research, educate and motivate others in schools and public events around the world in the name of transparency and choice.

**Madalina Raduta**

The Ontario Legislature runs an annual Youth Arts poster contest. Gr. 11 student, Madalina Raduta, competed in the poster contest and her design was selected as the winning design for the Ontario Speaker’s Choice Award. This year’s contest theme was: “What do you Love about Ontario?”. 
FATHER HENRY CARR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Khamal Stewart-Baynes
Khamal is the number one ranked youth sprinter in Canada. He won 3 gold medals at the 2016 OFSAA Track & Field Championships and broke two OFSAA and one Canadian record in early June at the University of Windsor. Khamal accompanied the Ontario team on a road trip to Montreal to compete in the Royal Canadian Legion National Championships. He won two gold medals (200m, 400m) and two silver medals (4x100 relay, 4x400 relay). He is ranked the #1 Canadian Youth Under 20 and is ranked the 3rd youth sprinter in the world. He has accepted a full athletic scholarship to Coffeyville Jr. College, Coffeyville, Kansas for September 2017.

Trayvon Conley  Trejuan Fearon  Jessie Ofin  Khamal Stewart-Baynes

The senior boys' 4x100 relay team were the TDCAA, Metro, and OFSAA Champions. They also hold the Canadian Interscholastic record.

Peter Miller, Coach

FATHER JOHN REDMOND CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL AND REGIONAL ARTS CENTRE

Camryn Anderson  Jadi Genita  Lin Kearney
Abbygail Bulley  Thalia Goncalves  Hayley Mateo
Sasha Clark  Caroline Graham  Natalia Opara
Tatiana Choi  Anastasia Gravina  Emma Pileggi
Emily Dargie  Mariah Ierullo  Vidah Reghat
Julia De La Cruz  Cassandra Jeronimo  Graham Waddell

The Father John Redmond Redhawks Cheer Team won 1st place in their division at the World High School Cheerleading Competition at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Only two high schools in Ontario were invited to attend. Soon after, the team added the provincial championships to their resume.

Maddalena Bitondo and Christine Sinclair, Coaches

FRANCIS LIBERMAN CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Kezia Johnson
Kezia, a grade 12 student at Francis Libermann CHS was awarded 1 of 50 Canada-wide Schulich Leader Scholarships. The Schulich Leader Scholarship program rewards our country’s most promising young pioneers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.
JEAN VANIER CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Ashton Sawh
Ashton finished in 2nd place at the Canadian International Auto Show in the Toronto Automotive Technology competition. Ashton, and teammate Mark Balagot represented Jean Vanier which was one out of 20 high schools from the GTA. They are both enrolled in the Jean Vanier OYAP and SHSM Transportation program.

LORETTO COLLEGE SCHOOL

Genelynn Abrias    Jazmine Catly    Sarah Laya
Stacey Abriol    Kaitlyn Cordeiro*
Anastasia Aguiar    Sara Cordeiro
Sabrina Alfaro    Sara Raquel Cortez
Myrjun Angeles
Jiselle Balueta
Mary Kate Balueta
Wenber Baria
Lindsey Barro
Realiza Becaro
Reanna Recaro
Joana Brandao de Matos
Caroline Braza
Lillianna Brown
Olivia Boragina-White
Erica Bynoe
Genesis Calliste
Gabrielle Casibang Viloria
Jazmine Catly    Kaitlyn Cordeiro*
Sara Cordeiro
Sara Raquel Cortez
Caranza
Amanda Cunha
Marianna Cunha
Ashley Dacayo
Kyla Dasig
Jessica Da Silva
Sabrina Da Silva
Daniella De Sousa
Sarah Jane Delos Reyes
Susha Fountain*
Kristine Gacoscos
Allison Gajilomo
Sophia Gamboias
Ariana Giagiari
Sarah Laya
Mya Mitchell
Star Molina
Melissa Nguyen
Vivian Nguyen
Emily Pacheco
Emily Parades
Elizabeth Pedrinha
Samantha Phillip
Robin Joie Quiambao
Abigail Ramos
Jennifer Refani
Valerie Rodrigues
Cindy Shyintum
Anghel Torres
Danica Uniana
Catherine Usher
Aprill Zuniga

The Loretto College Varsity Concert Band won the Silver Plus Award at the Ontario Band Festival. This was Loretto College’s very first time competing at the provincial level in a serious concert band setting. They received a second award a few days later presented by Yamaha Canada to the band’s percussion section for “overall percussion excellence”. They will be performing at Musicfest Canada National Competition on May 17th.

Glenn Donovan, Music Director; Ann Strazar, Music Instructor

*accepting the award on behalf of the team

MARY WARD CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Adrienne Tanguilig Dacoco
Adrienne Dacoco placed 2nd in the Graphic Design Presentation at the 2016 Skills Canada national competition.
MICHAEL POWER/ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Meagan and Madison Barry
Ontario’s 16-and-under provincial girls baseball team won the national title. Meagan and Madison Barry played on the team that won all six games, including an 11-1 championship win over Manitoba at the national championship tournament held August 18 to 22, 2016.

Robotics Team
The Michael/Power St. Joseph Robotics team travelled to Waterloo for the Skills Ontario Championship and received the Gold medal. The team went on to compete at the Skills Canada National Championship in Moncton, New Brunswick and finished with the Silver medal.

Meghan Macias
Joseph Chung
Dariusz Kulpinski
Matthew Giorno

Gianluca Comisso, Coach; Joseph Brisbois, Principal*

*accepting the award on behalf of the team

NEIL MCNEIL CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Andrew Alexander
Andrew was ranked the fastest male in Canada in the Youth 1500m category, for the 2016 Indoor Track Season. Andrew won Triple Gold at the 2016 Provincial Youth Outdoor Track Championships placing 1st in all 3 races: 3000 metre, 1500 metre, Sprint Medley Relay. Andrew anchored his team to set a new Athletics Ontario Championship record. He placed 1st at OFSAA in the 2016 Senior Men’s Cross Country Championships and placed 1st, 3rd and 5th in the 2016 Canadian U20 Cross Country Championships. He won gold with Team Ontario, bronze with his Club Team and a placed 5th at the Canadian U20 Men’s Cross Country Championships last November – qualifying him to represent Team Canada at the 2017 IAAF World Junior Cross Country Championships in Uganda. He recently placed 3rd with Team Canada at the 2017 North American Central American Caribbean Junior Cross Country Championships in Florida in March 2017.
NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

**Micah Estrella**
Micah was the winner of the Chemical Design Innovation Award at the 2017 Toronto Science Fair for her topic: Diaper Chemicals as Fire Retardants. The award came with a cash prize.

**Jessica Lopez Hernandez and Bea Ortiz**
Jessica and Bea competed at the 2017 Toronto Science Fair and received the silver medal in the Earth and Environmental Category for their topic: Plantassium: Plant Growth Agents.

**Jessica Lopez Hernandez**
Jessica won the Français pour l’avenir national essay competition, earning her a $5000 scholarship to Glendon College at York University. She is the sole scholarship winner in the French as a Second Language category at York University. In her essay, she shared her hopes and dreams for the future and spoke about the importance of bilingualism in her life.

SENATOR O’CONNOR COLLEGE SCHOOL

**Emma Graham**
Emma competed against 200 runners in the 14-18 age category at the Athletics Canada/Cross Country national event. Emma’s time and finish earned her podium recognition as the fastest grade 9 and her results helped propel her team to a gold medal.

ST. BASIL-THE-GREAT COLLEGE SCHOOL

**Eric De Santis**
Eric De Santis won a Ken and Ann Watts Scholarship for his performance in Double Wedding-With A Twist at the 2016 Sears Drama Festival.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Jaiden Regnier**

**Leah Sterling**
Both Leah and Jaiden swim for the Regional Training Centre in Toronto. They recently competed in the Leslie Taylor Provincial Championships (which is Ontario’s synchro competition) in January and swims for the Regional Training Centre in Toronto. Jaiden placed 3rd in the province in junior Figures, 1st in her duet routine, 1st in the senior team routine, and 1st in the Junior team routine. She competed at the national qualifiers competition in Quebec in March and came 1st in her duet routine, 1st in her senior team routine, and 1st in the junior team routine.

Leah placed 18th in the province in Junior Figures. She swims on both the Combo Team and a Junior Team. She placed 1st with her combo team routine and 2nd with her junior team routine at the Leslie Taylor Provincial Championships. She recently placed 2nd in the national qualifiers competition in Quebec in the combo team routine. Both girls will be competing in the Nationals Canadian Open Championships in May.
ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE SCHOOL

Princess Nikita Layne-Austin

Princess Nikita won the provincial Yes I Can Award for outstanding achievements in the category of the Arts-Music, presented by the Ontario Council for Exceptional Children. The award recognizes students with exceptionalities who shine in their community. She was presented with her award at an event in Toronto last December.

Danielle Matthews, Special Services - Hearing, Nominator

Rebecca Demke
Nakeisha Ekwandja
Mikhaela Ekwandja
Sydney Fearon

Julia Gagliardi
Maddison Hogg
Ethel Opoku
Kirsten Plummer

Kimberly Soriano
Anika Weekes*
Paulla Weekes*

Silver medal winners at the OFSAA Basketball championships. They were the only all girls school to ever qualify and medal at OFSAA.

Francesco Malfitano*; Abraham To; Paul Weekes, Coaches

*accepting the award on behalf of the team

ST. JOSEPH’S MORROW PARK CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Ariane Nopra
Arley Nopra (graduated)

Ariane and Arley placed 1st in the Secondary Video Challenge competition at the 2016 Skills Canada national competition. The purpose of the challenge was to evaluate students’ proficiency in the television/video communications field. This team of two produced and edited two productions focusing on the Cardboard Boat Races.

ST. MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Gregoire Wycliffe Salvador

Gregoire placed 2nd in Landscape Design at the 2016 Skills Canada National Competition

Janice Abigail Jimenez

Janice placed 2nd in Job Skill Demonstration at the 2016 Skills Canada National Competition
The Trustees of the Toronto Catholic District School Board offer their sincere congratulations to the award recipients.