LORETTO ABBEY STUDENTS “MAKE IT HAPPEN”: STUDENT TEAM WINS $5,000 CMA PRIZE

The hard work and business savvy of seven Loretto Abbey students has once again paid off in cash for their school. The Loretto Abbey ”Make It Happen” Team has won the top prize of $5000 in the annual Certified Management Accountants of Ontario (CMA) School Improvement Contest. The $5,000 cheque will be presented by CMA representative Christine Carlson at the year-end Student Council assemblies scheduled for 12:30 p.m. and 1:10 p.m. on June 9th at the school, located at 101 Mason Blvd. in North Toronto.

The contest is an innovative program for secondary school students sponsored by the CMA. Students work as a team to identify a school need, develop a strategy and use it to put together a project proposal and video clip in support of their project. The proposal requires students to apply the management and accounting skills learned in the classroom, while the video clip incorporates their technical and design skills. This year’s proposal was focused on the purchase of new drapery for the auditorium.

In this 4th year of the contest, competition has grown fierce. Fifty top notch schools from the Catholic, Public and Private sectors submitted proposals. In an unprecedented win, Loretto Abbey’s team has won the top prize twice since the contest’s inception three years ago.

“The numerous hours spent by our students preparing the winning proposal demonstrates their commitment to improving the social, educational and physical environment at Loretto Abbey”, says Teacher/Moderator Monica Salvador.

Members of the school’s team are: Laura Caputo; Keltie Chan; Francesca Della Savia; Sarah Gatpandan; Anabel Graveran; Heather MacKinnon and Lauren Polan-Couillard.

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