



BACKGROUND: TCDSB TOP SCHOLARS 2018-2019



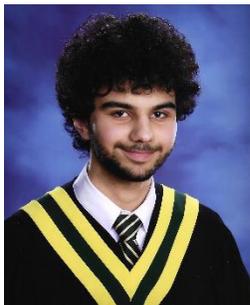
Adam McMahon

Adam McMahon achieved an overall average of 100 percent and is a graduate of Bishop Allen Academy. As a responsible citizen, Adam volunteers as a meal time host at St. Joseph's Health Centre where he visits long-term hospital stay patients, many of whom are seniors waiting to be transferred to palliative or long-term care facilities. This summer, Adam will participate in the ASPIRE program as a research intern in the Nephrology unit of the Toronto General Hospital. Adam dreams of attending medical school to become a physician. He was awarded a President's Scholarship to the University of Guelph where he will be studying Biological and Pharmaceutical Chemistry in the fall.

Kevin Vytlingam is a graduate of Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School and Regional Arts Centre who achieved an overall average of 100 percent. In his spare time, Kevin enjoys volunteering and most recently volunteered as an ambassador for the school's annual Taste of the Arts event. Kevin will be attending Western University in the fall where he will be studying Medical Sciences. After completing his undergraduate degree, Kevin plans to attend medical school to become either a physician or a pediatrician or he will go to graduate school to pursue medical research.



Kevin Vytlingam



Christopher Dugal

Christopher Dugal is a graduate of Chaminade College School with an average of 99.83 percent. He was an involved member of his school community and in his grade 12 year he contributed over 80 volunteer hours to build and implement a fully functional aquaponics farm in his school's fish hatchery. Christopher will be attending the University of Waterloo in the fall where he will study Biomedical Engineering. He is currently holding a summer research internship in Dr. Graham Collingridge's lab in the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute at Mount Sinai Hospital. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, Christopher plans to enrol in a graduate program to pursue his dream of becoming a neural engineer.

Rachel Lachmansingh is a graduate of St. Mother Teresa Catholic Academy with an overall average of 99.17 percent. Rachel has a passion for writing and she recently designed a short story collection called Lacuna for her school to present at an indigenous education event. She was also involved in organizing events for her school's arts council, most recently organizing the winter school production of The Nutcracker. Rachel will be attending the University of Victoria where she will be studying fine arts and writing.



Rachel Lachmansingh



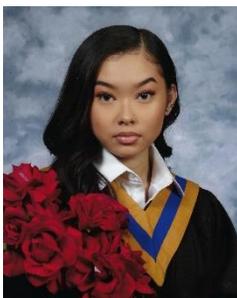
Sarah Lachmansingh

Sarah Lachmansingh also earned an overall average of 99.17 percent and is a graduate of St. Mother Teresa Catholic Academy. Sarah enjoys telling stories and hopes to one day become a published author. She actively seeks opportunities where she can use her artistic skills and most recently contributing to a set design for her school’s theatre production. Sarah will be attending the University of Victoria where she will be studying fine arts and writing.

Ling Jin is a graduate of St. Joseph’s College School who achieved an overall average of 99.50 percent. Ling is an international student from China who enjoys exploring her city and participating in volunteer opportunities. Most recently, she volunteered for her school’s Math Camp and Doors Open Toronto at the University of Toronto’s Myhal Centre. She will be studying Engineering Science at the University of Toronto in the fall.



Ling Jin



Kaliyah Macaraig

Another stellar graduate is **Kaliyah Macaraig**, who achieved an overall average of 98.33 percent. Kaliyah graduated from St. Mother Teresa Catholic Academy. She was the project leader for the school’s Arts Council, and was a member of the chaplaincy team and the yearbook committee. She is also committed to her local parish, St. Barnabas Roman Catholic Church, serving as an altar server and in the parish youth ministry. The University of Toronto awarded Kaliyah with a full scholarship toward her studies in humanities in the fall. She plans to attend law school in the future and aspires to help those in need of legal protection and assistance.

Achieving an overall average of 98.33 percent is fellow graduate **Aingaran Mohan** of St. Mother Teresa Catholic Academy. Aingaran will be studying Automotive Engineering at Ontario Tech University, formerly known as the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. Aingaran plans to obtain a master’s degree in engineering and dreams of becoming a designer for McLaren or Tesla so that he can work on the technology behind self-driving vehicles.



Aingaran Mohan



Jarred Laganas

Congratulations also goes to **Jarred Laganas** from Blessed Archbishop Romero Catholic Secondary School, who achieved an overall average of 94.00 percent. Jarred will be attending York University in the fall and hopes to attend medical school after obtaining his undergraduate degree.

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