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## TCDSB Honours Student Achievement & Trio of Exceptional Alumni

*Marlies assistant equipment manager 'Pistol Pete' to be among 2019 Award Recipients*

TORONTO – The Toronto Catholic District School Board will honour outstanding student achievement, in addition to three exceptional alumni during TCDSB Awards Night on **Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m.** at the **Catholic Education Centre**. TCDSB Awards Night recognizes student and team achievements from schools across the City, and celebrates alumni who continue to be active in the Catholic community and have distinguished themselves in their career or accomplishments.

The 2019 TCDSB Alumni Awards recipients are:

**Pete Flagler**, Michael Power/St. Joseph CSS graduate, currently the Toronto Marlies' assistant equipment manager. Flagler (aka Pistol Pete) turned his co-op position at Real Sports Apparel into a full-time gig rubbing shoulders with some of Canada's best hockey players. His infectious personality and positive attitude brings a special dynamic to the players' dressing room, where Pete provides a pep talk before every game. He is an inspiration and a role model in the down syndrome community.

**Kristen Facciol**, Marshall McLuhan CSS graduate, a Canadian space roboticist and the 14<sup>th</sup> Canadian to earn a CSA/NASA robotics flight controller certification. Facciol's affinity for math and science led her to a career in engineering. She currently trains astronauts how to use robotics, and is an advocate for girls and women in STEM fields.

**P.C. Peter De Quintal**, St. Mary's Catholic Academy graduate, a Toronto Police Officer. De Quintal is a strong supporter of experiential learning, and has gone above and beyond for school communities through the initiation of in-school programs with students – most notably his bike rodeo and Teens Learn to Drive programs and Star Wars breakfasts. He is also Officer Peter on TVOKids, and his passion for uplifting children and youth truly shows through the work he does on an everyday basis.

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