CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Western Education
ELISABETH STEEL REURINK MEMORIAL AWARD
Awarded annually to a student connected with the Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children who is interested in violence against women issues and plays an active role in their community. Elisabeth, daughter of Linda Steel and Brian Reurink, wrote that “Society and the world are always in need of change or fixing because as soon as we fix one problem another one arises. With every problem people have the ability and the capacity to be compassionate and reach out to help their neighbour, even if their neighbour is halfway around the world.”
Award Recipient: Vanessa Swales

SCOTIABANK GRADUATE AWARD FOR STUDIES IN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN
Awarded annually to graduate students who demonstrate strong academic achievement and demonstrate an interest in research and education regarding violence against women and children and involvement with the Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children (CREVAWC). This award was established by a generous gift from Scotiabank.
Award Recipients: Bradley Daly and Nicole Youngson

SCOTIABANK UNDERGRADUATE AWARD FOR STUDIES IN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN
Awarded annually to undergraduate students who demonstrate strong academic achievement and demonstrate an interest in research and education regarding violence against women and children and involvement with the Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children (CREVAWC).
Award Recipient: Nidhi Marulappa

DAVID WOLFE SCHOLARSHIP IN RESEARCH ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION
Awarded annually to a graduate student in the Faculty of Education based on advancements in research on violence prevention and student well-being in schools, as well as academic achievement.
Award Recipient: Bridget Houston

RAY HUGHES SCHOLARSHIP ON INNOVATIVE PRACTICES IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION
Awarded annually to a pre-service teacher in the Faculty of Education who has demonstrated innovative practices in violence prevention curriculum or programming in schools.
Award Recipient: Alisha Wegman

JOAN PEDERSEN MEMORIAL GRADUATE AWARD
Awarded annually to a full or part-time student who has submitted a research project in the MA program focusing on “early years” education.
Award Recipient: Adrianne Bacelar de Castro

THE ROBERT MACMILLAN GRADUATE AWARD IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
The award is in honour of the late John Dearness and is awarded to a Graduate Education student who has conducted research on literacy development in conjunction with a thesis or directed research project, has at least an A- average in the graduate program, and has been nominated for the award by his/her graduate supervisor.
Award Recipient: Wanjing Li

W.A. TOWNSHEND GOLD MEDAL IN EDUCATION
The Gold Medal is in honour of the Late Bishop Townshend of London, Ontario, and is awarded at each convocation to the student who has achieved the highest academic standing in his/her program of study.
Award Recipients: Mohammed Estaiteyeh, Kate Paterson and Petra Owusu
WALTER M. LOBB ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
Awarded to a graduate student conducting research in the Faculty of Education at the Master’s or Doctoral level who is a current holder of an Ontario Graduate Scholarship, based on academic achievement and research merit. Preference will be given to a student whose research focuses on children’s mental health issues and who is studying with faculty affiliated with the Centre for Inclusive Education. This scholarship is made possible by a gift from the Estate of Walter M. Lobb (BEd’78, MEd’93) with Foundation Western.

Award Recipients: Angela Celebre and Amanda Kerry

TEACHER AWARDS

ALBERTA O’NEIL AWARD IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION
This award was established with a generous gift from Mrs. Alberta O’Neil, a retired teacher, and recognizes an undergraduate student completing a Bachelor’s Degree in Education, based on academic excellence and proficiency in Physical Education.

Award Recipient: Adrian Bardati

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING
This award was established by the Students’ Council to recognize the unique set of skills required by instructors in the preparation of teachers in the Preservice Education program. Winners are nominated by students.

Award Recipients: Jenny Kassen and Derek Tangredi

BEATRICE HELMKAY SCHOLARSHIP
This annual scholarship to a student in the Primary-Junior program was established by the late Mrs. Iva Beatrice Alder for the purpose of training teachers, as she too, was a teacher. The recipient of this award must demonstrate outstanding achievement in practice teaching, scholarship and dedication to early childhood education.

Award Recipient: Aksa Mahmood

DAWSON WOODBURN MEMORIAL AWARD
The Dawson Woodburn Memorial Award is funded by a bequest of the late Professor Dawson Woodburn of this Faculty and is awarded annually to two preservice students enrolled in music courses at the Faculty of Education. The students must have been successful in practice teaching, demonstrated interest in the use of Tonic Solfa and possess a high degree of knowledge and proficiency through the use of Tonic Solfa.

Award Recipients: Gergely Sykes and Rachael Litt

D. CARLTON WILLIAMS GOLD MEDAL IN EDUCATION
The medal is presented annually in honour of the late Dr. D. Carlton Williams, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., LL.D., President of The University of Western Ontario between 1967 and 1977. It is the highest distinction a student enrolled in a baccalaureate program of the Faculty of Education may receive. It is awarded chiefly on the basis of high academic achievement and other relevant information. The intent of this award is to encourage and reward those who display, in the opinion of their mentors and peers, exceptional skills, interests and ability in the field of practice teaching. Because of the wide range of candidates, we consider this to be one of the most prestigious awards to be offered at the Faculty of Education.

Award Recipient: Alexandra Arcese

DEAN’S AWARD IN EDUCATION
This award is established through Foundation Western by gifts from Education Alumni and is awarded to undergraduate students in the Faculty of Education whose activities have enhanced the life of the Faculty for their fellow students. Students must demonstrate a strong record of extracurricular activities and a strong record of academic merit.

Award Recipients: Patrick Morris and Colin Pierce

DON GALBRAITH PRESERVICE TEACHER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
This award was established by the Science Teachers’ Association of Ontario (STAO) to recognize the outstanding academic achievement of undergraduate students in a Science course within the Faculty of Education. Preference is given to students who demonstrate exceptional commitment and creativity in their science preparation and teaching, who willingly try different instructional methods and show confidence in the classroom.

Award Recipient: Alexandra Arcese

DON WRIGHT FACULTY OF EDUCATION MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
Dr. Wright, a former director of music for the London Board of Education and noted music arranger, has established these annual scholarships to encourage the development of vocal and instrumental music. Selection is based on academic achievement and is awarded to students enrolled in the Junior/Intermediate or Intermediate/Senior Education programs with a strong interest in teaching Vocal or Instrumental Music.

Award Recipients: Kaitlyn Clifford and Meghan Hopkins

DOROTHY EMERY MEMORIAL AWARD IN VISUAL ARTS EDUCATION
This award was established through Foundation Western by the London Normal School Class of 1932 to recognize Dorothy Emery’s professional skills, enthusiasm and her ability to motivate students. This is one of two awards offered to Visual Arts students, the intent of which is to recognize those who have achieved an exceptional academic standing in coursework and have demonstrated excellence in art education in practice teaching.

Award Recipients: Adrianna Boersen and Jade Baird

FACULTY OF EDUCATION STUDENTS’ COUNCIL AWARD
Awarded annually to a student completing a Bachelor in Education based on outstanding contributions to Western’s Faculty of Education community, despite personal challenges experienced and overcome during the academic year.

Award Recipient: Anniaka Manampperi

FACULTY OF EDUCATION STUDENTS’ COUNCIL AWARD FOR PRACTICE TEACHING EXCELLENCE
This award was established in 1985/86 by the Faculty of Education Students’ Council. Recipients are chosen from faculty and student recommendations supported by associate teacher reports, faculty advisor reports, practicum performance and other relevant information. The intent of this award is to encourage and reward those who display, in the opinion of their mentors and peers, exceptional skills, interests and ability in the field of practice teaching. Because of the wide range of candidates, we consider this to be one of the most prestigious awards to be offered at the Faculty of Education.

Award Recipient: Melissa Mattan

FACULTY OF EDUCATION STUDENTS’ COUNCIL AWARD FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP
Awarded annually to a full-time undergraduate student graduating from Year 2 of the Bachelor of Education program (with a minimum 70% average). Students must demonstrate leadership and participation in extra-curricular activities within the Faculty of Education, Western, or the London community.

Award Recipient: Dilpreet Moti

F.C. BIEHL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
The F.C. Biehl Memorial Award for Excellence was established in 1984 by family, friends and colleagues to honour the late Professor F.C. Biehl, a noted educator and author who held many posts in the school system of Ontario. His last position was as Principal of the London Teachers’ College, 1948-68. The selection of this award is on the basis of both academic standing and teaching skills, and it is awarded to the most outstanding student in the regular Primary-Junior, Junior-Intermediate or Intermediate-Senior programs at the Faculty of Education.

Award Recipient: Lauren Dehens
MILTON & HELEN WALKER SCHOLARSHIP IN MATHEMATICS EDUCATION
This scholarship was established through Foundation Western by a bequest from Milton Walker (MD 1928) and Helen Walker (BA 1924). It is awarded to full-time students pursuing the Bachelor of Education degree, with Mathematics as a teaching subject at any teaching level. Selection is based on academic achievement.

Award Recipient: Hoi Kiu Jermaine Law

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS’ FEDERATION FACULTY OF EDUCATION AWARD
The award is presented to the graduating Intermediate/Senior or Technological Studies Teacher Candidate who best exemplifies:

- advocacy for unionism and related values;
- demonstrated political or social activism that promotes the professional nature of teaching;
- shown leadership by supporting and advocating for fellow teacher candidates;
- leadership in the organization of events which benefit fellow teacher candidates;
- demonstrates a high degree of professional competence;
- is attempting to secure a teaching position that would make her or him an OSSTF/FEESO member.

Award Recipient: Alisha Wegman

RETIERED TEACHERS OF ONTARIO DISTRICT 8 STUDENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE TEACHING
This award was established by the Retired Teachers of Ontario to recognize outstanding achievement in practice teaching. In order to be eligible for this award, a student must have attended a secondary school in the London-Middlesex area. Selection is based on exemplary teaching practices in practicum placements.

Award Recipients: Jenna St. James and Leah DeVos

ROBERT AND JOLINE BRANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AWARD
This award was established by a generous gift from Robert (BA ’88) and Joline Brant (BA ’89). Awarded annually to a graduating student in the Bachelor of Education program who has completed the “Teaching in Roman Catholic Schools” course and at least one practicum in a Catholic School. Preference will be given to a student who has Religious Education as a teachable subject. Selection will be based on academic achievement and demonstrated financial need.

Award Recipient: Alisha Wegman

Sylvia Cann Memorial Award
This award was established through Foundation Western by Christina Jolly in honour of her late sister Sylvia Cann. The selection of this award is on the basis of both academic standing and teaching skills, and it is awarded to outstanding students in the Primary/Junior division of the Bachelor of Education program at the Faculty of Education.

Award Recipients: Meagan Barkans and Michelle Zarytshansky

THE ELIZABETH T. DORNER AWARD
This award was established with a generous gift from Elizabeth T. Dorner (BA ’68, Psychology). Awarded annually to a student completing a Bachelor of Education degree in the Faculty of Education. The award is based on academic achievement and excellence in practicum teaching in a Catholic Board of Education.

Award Recipient: Danielle Rivest

W.S. TURNER AWARD
Established by the family of Dr. W.S. Turner, the first Dean of the Faculty of Education, 1965-1969, this memorial award is presented to an outstanding student in the Primary-Junior, Junior-Intermediate or Intermediate-Senior (Mathematics option) program. Selection is based on excellence in coursework at the Faculty, orientation to enlightened Mathematics teaching and practicum performance. During this academic year, you have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, positive leadership and an enthusiastic attitude toward teaching.

Award Recipient: Rebecca Pavan