

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS & THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

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: Helene Bigras Dutrisac

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).

Award Recipients: Lina Saadeddin and Alexis Winfield

CANADIAN RESEARCH CENTRE ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AWARD

Established by gifts from Alumni, this award is offered to graduate students enrolled in the Faculty of Education who will be completing a thesis on a topic related to the inclusive education of students with special needs.

Award Recipients: Candace Brunette-Debassige and Evan Charles

JESSICA JEAN CAMPBELL COULSON AWARD

This award was established by Mr. David R. Campbell (BA '38) in memory of Jessica Jean Campbell Coulson. Awarded annually to a full-time graduate student at Western who has submitted a research proposal for thesis or dissertation research related to the education of students with special needs.

Award Recipient: Zita Tsz-Wing Lau

ART GEDDIS "LEARNING ABOUT TEACHING" MEMORIAL AWARD

The memorial award is in honour of the late Arthur N. Geddis, Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Education, and is awarded to a Graduate Education student who is researching Reflective Practice. Dr. Geddis was a professor of science education whose research focused on learning to teach.

Award Recipient: Mohammed Estaiteyeh

DR. ALLEN PEARSON GRADUATE AWARD IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Awarded annually to a full-time graduate student in the Education program, based on academic achievement, how the student's studies align to the development of research in the area of Educational Leadership, and the student's aspirations for having an impact on leadership in Education. This award was made possible by a generous gift from the Estate of Dr. Allen Pearson. This award is in memory of Dr. Allen Pearson, former Dean of the Faculty of Education from 1995 to 2007 and full-time faculty until 2010.

Award Recipient: Nyasha Nyereyemhuka

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: Martin Wolak

JOHN DEARNESS MEMORIAL GRADUATE AWARD

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: Olivia Ward

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: Jasmyrn Skinner

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: Hannah Bigelow and Armush Salahadin

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: Julie-Anne Staehli

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: Vincent MacDonald, Polin Sankar-Persad, Kenan Omercajjic and Vera Sarina

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: Elizabeth Skilling

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: Sarah Hoy and Heather Limon

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 standing and excellence in practice teaching, but also recognizes extracurricular contributions to the programs and other activities of the Faculty of Education.

Award Recipient: Neil Horning

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 Recipients: Rajan Brar

DEAN'S AWARD IN EDUCATION

This award was 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: Cheryl Fernandes and Abhishek Shetty

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: Julianne Breen and Catherine Gray

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: Ariel Fullerton and Eliza Gallaiford

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: Sarah CoDyre

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: Jasmina Charbonneau

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 extracurricular activities within the Faculty of Education, Western, or the London community.

Award Recipient: Zain Alzeiq

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: Neil Horning

HAROLD DENE WEBBER SCHOLARSHIP IN EDUCATION

Awarded annually to a full-time student pursuing a Bachelor of Education Degree at the Intermediate-Senior teaching level, based on academic achievement, with one of the Sciences as a teaching subject. The recipient is selected by the Sciences Subject Group. Established through Foundation Western as a bequest from Harold Dene Webber (B.Sc. Honors '50 and Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Education).

Award Recipient: Melissa Prout

HELEN G. MITCHELL AWARD

This award was established by the Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association to recognize a graduating student from the Bachelor of Education program who best demonstrates the attributes of a potentially outstanding Classical/FSL/International Language Teacher. Selection is based on a demonstrated excellence in both the academic and practicum components of our program; the recipient applies effective second language methodologies in the classroom.

Award Recipient: Madeleine Gauvin

J. BOWDEN MEMORIAL AWARD

This Memorial Award was established in 1982 by family, friends and colleagues to honour the late Professor J. Bowden, a highly respected member of this Faculty. The recipient of this award is selected on the basis of academic standing with a teachable subject in one of the major social science fields – Geography, History, Individual & Society, or Family Studies.

Award Recipient: Keelan McGoey

JOHN DEARNESS MEMORIAL PRESERVICE AWARD

The John Dearness Memorial Preservice Award was established in 1996 by the Tambllyn Family as a memorial to their grandfather, the late John Dearness, M.A., LL.D., and his commitment to education in the City of London. This award is given annually to a student at the Faculty of Education who is enrolled in elementary preservice education and who demonstrates excellence in both coursework and practicum experience with respect to early literacy development.

Award Recipient: Erin Hemming

LAURA & ED MCLEISH SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by the generosity of Laura McLeish, and it is awarded to an Intermediate/Senior student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement with Mathematics as a teaching subject.

Award Recipients: Katherine Koehler-Grassau and Jason Kroeker

MARGARET FALLONA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FRENCH SECOND LANGUAGE EDUCATION

This scholarship was established through the generosity of donors from the Faculty of Education and graduates of the French as a Second Language Teacher Education program. The scholarship is awarded to a student graduating with a Bachelor of Education degree who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in the elementary or secondary French as a Second Language Teacher Education Program, and who has given evidence that they will further the development of French as a second language in schools during their career.

Award Recipient: Emma Barrett

MATTHEW & CORNELIA KOENS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by Peter Koens in honour of his parents Matthew and Cornelia Koens, and is awarded to the pre-service student, at any teaching level, based on academic achievement.

Award Recipient: Raina Ritchie

MILTON & HELEN WALKER SCHOLARSHIP IN SCIENCE 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 Science as a teaching subject at any teaching level. Selection is based on academic achievement.

Award Recipient: Mark Froncisz

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: Kate Chiasson

RETIRED 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: Claire Hinatsu and Alexandra Meilutis

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: Steven Takahashi

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: Angela Giannos and Emily Oshana

THE ELIZABETH T. DORNER AWARD

This award was established with a generous gift from Elizabeth T. Dörner (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: Olivia Brkljaca

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: Kyla Johnson