

Heritage Club 2020 Scholarship Results

As we all know, the Covid-19 Pandemic has disrupted our lives in ways we never could have anticipated. Perhaps one of the more affected groups has been our young people, who are graduating high school without actually completing the year or observing any of the normal ceremonies of graduation. Now they are faced with trying to build a future as they enter university life without a clear picture of how that will look – certainly not what it looked like previously. Now more than ever they need our support, and for that reason we are very proud to present the Canada Post Heritage Club 2020 Scholarships to three very worthy recipients. Thanks to all who applied, thanks to the judges, and congratulations to Abigail, Anika, and Shanaya. Good luck with your studies.



Abigail Leu

Abigail Leu is the granddaughter of Walter Leu, member of Simcoe Chapter. She has shown herself to be a caring and capable leader through her participation in multiple activities throughout her high school years. Media executive for her school's on-line magazine, president of two very successful JA teams, founding member of Relay for Life team, her interests are many and varied. In response to the Covid-19 crisis she showed resilience as she was instrumental in transitioning the Kindness Project to virtual for her Business Leadership class, collaborating with speakers, creating training kits for other schools, and building the website. Her communications skills are well recognized, and she has maintained a high average throughout. We wish

Abigail every success as she pursues her studies in Business Administration at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University.

Anika Heidinger

Anika Heidinger is the step-granddaughter of Heartland member David Zayac. Anika has turned a learning exceptionality into Honor Roll success in her four years of high school. She has demonstrated her compassion and concern for others in her work as a gymnastics coach and her many volunteer activities. She is the Editor at Large for her school yearbook, having taken many of the pictures for the book and also helped create the layout of the book itself. Rarely seen without a camera, she also participated in a polar bear research trip to Churchill, MB, and is working on a young-children's book to educate others about climate change, proceeds to go to charity. Anika hopes to become a lawyer, and we wish her well as she begins her studies at the University of Winnipeg.



Shanaya McMillan

Shanaya McMillan is the granddaughter of Robert L Sweetland, member of Heartland Chapter. Shanaya received the Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal for her final average, while being the only graduate from her school to complete the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. In addition to her notable academic achievements, she was a leader in the Writing Club, Debate Team, Science Fair, as well as curling, soccer, Ukrainian dance, and as a volunteer swim coach working with children who require extra help. A Type 1 diabetic herself, Shanaya has volunteered with the JDRF and Diabetes Canada for many years, even creating and delivering her own educational presentation for elementary and university students. She intends to pursue a Science degree at the University of Manitoba, and we are confident that she will be successful in her endeavours.