

High school graduation is a significant time in a person's life – a day that represents the culmination of years of hard work and effort. For a very few students this day is also marked by special presentations from schools and communities, acknowledging something above and beyond the hard work of school.

This year the Fort McMurray Public School Board was pleased to be able to present a series of new scholarships to students from CEDA International.

Four **CEDACare Scholarships** were presented to FMPSD graduates this year. Just to be included on the selection list for these scholarships (totaling \$10,000.00), graduates needed to have a minimum 80% grade average and be enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

The Composite High School's **CedaCares Trade Scholarship** award winners were selected from students enrolled in the Registered Apprentice Program (RAP) or taking classes directed towards a career in construction or manufacturing trades (mechanical, electrical, millwrights, HET's, etc) – something that had to be specific to their post-secondary enrollment as well. Congratulations to scholarship recipients Imad Bazzi and Binofsha Asadi! Mazin Farhat, a staff member at Composite presented both students with their awards. "Imad Bazzi arrived at Fort McMurray Composite High School in September of 2010 as an academically accomplished and enthusiastic Grade 9 student, and graduated as one of this school's top academic student" said Mazin. "Throughout his high school years Imad maintained a grade point average that ensured Honour Roll status each year, with a demonstrated affinity toward mathematics and the sciences. To balance his academics Imad participated in athletic extra-curricular activities including volleyball and basketball, with his current passion being weight training. A well rounded young man who is well respected by staff and students for being responsible and reliable, Imad is highly motivated to succeed. Throughout high school Imad remained focused on his long-term goal of pursuing a career in engineering, culminating this year with his acceptance by the University of Alberta as a first year student in the Faculty of Engineering starting September of 2014."

The other **CedaCares Trade Scholarship** award winner from Composite High School was Binofsha Asadi. Binofsha was a favourite student of Mazin's for two reasons - her dedication to her education and her unswerving persistence in achieving her goals. "Binofsha values her education to such an extent that she asked me to call her mother and get permission for her to stay behind in town rather than attend an out of province family function in order to write the second part of her English Diploma exam. As Binofsha said to me, 'Miss this is my education - it comes first!'"

The Westwood Community High School **CedaCares Community Involvement Scholarship** was awarded to a student actively involved in our community. In addition to meeting the minimum grade average and post-secondary enrollment requirements, this winner also needed to have worked a minimum of 36 hours of community service and volunteering in the past school year. This year's Westwood recipient was Teresa Goulding! At the graduation ceremony Teresa was described as "an outstanding student and role model, committed to both academics and community service and volunteerism. She is a unique individual, a strong leader, an excellent student, and an amazing young citizen." The list of this remarkable student's accomplishments included student council president and class valedictorian as well as summer volunteer with the food bank, community gardens, Boys and Girls Club and the Library Summer Craft Program. Teresa plans to complete a bachelor of Commerce in Accounting at the University of Calgary in September. Congratulations Teresa on being the recipient of the **CedaCares Community Involvement Scholarship!**

The Frank Spragins High School **CedaCares Leadership Scholarship** was awarded to an honors student enrolled in a post-secondary who conveyed proven leadership roles within the community as well within the student body in committees, groups, sports, fundraisers, arts/plays etc. This year's recipient of the **CedaCares Leadership Scholarship** was Shelly Savoie-Delaney! Shelly was enrolled in RAP where she displayed a passion for Welding.

She plans to attend Keyano in the fall to complete the qualifications for 2<sup>nd</sup> year apprentice. Her goal is to become a Red Seal Journeyman Welder.

Congratulations to all the Fort McMurray Public School District's **CedaCares Scholarship** winners – and thank you to Ceda International for honouring these exceptional students.

For more information on scholarships and awards in the Fort McMurray Public School District, please visit our website at [FMPSDschools.ca](http://FMPSDschools.ca)



*Kelsey Grunow (Human Resources Business Partner CEDA International) with Frank Spragins **CedaCares Trade Scholarship** winner Shelly Savoie-Delaney*

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