

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Ladysmith high school grads receive \$103,200 for post-secondary education**

**Nanaimo, 19 June 2015** – This month, 85 graduating students of Ladysmith Secondary school received a total of \$103,200 in scholarships, bursaries and awards from the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation to pursue post-secondary education.

Students were awarded amounts ranging from \$250 to \$5,000 each.

Crystal Dennison, executive director of the foundation, said that local service clubs, community organizations and private donors provided \$79,200, while the Ministry of Education funded 24 scholarships of \$1,000 each.

“Thanks to the generosity of our community partners, many graduating high school students now have the opportunity to continue their education,” said Dennison. “Our donors understand the importance of helping young people succeed and see their support as an investment in their community’s future. Without our donors’ financial support, many students may not have the opportunity to go to college or university.”

This year’s top recipients from **Ladysmith Secondary school**, receiving \$3,000 or more are:

- **Olivia Aarsen:** Cedar Canadian Girls in Training \$1,000; Ladysmith Health Care Auxiliary Scholarship \$4,000.
- **Alexis Bouma:** Grad 2011 Award \$500; Ladysmith and District Credit Union-John Ulinder Memorial Scholarship \$5,000; Ministry Dogwood Award \$1,000.
- **Anastasia Cooper:** Ladysmith and District Credit Union Bursary (Vocational) \$3,000.
- **Chanel Dwinnell:** Woodbank Primary/North Cedar Intermediate Bursary \$250; Cedar Lions’ Gary Lawrence Memorial Bursary \$750; Cedar Community Secondary Prom Legacy Award \$500; Wayne Grouhel/Rob Fawdry Memorial Kinsmen Award \$500; Ministry Dogwood Award \$1,000.
- **Mia Frier:** Language Scholarship \$500; Lucy Lytton Memorial Scholarship \$2,500; Ministry Dogwood Award \$1,000.
- **Nathaniel Green:** Helen Helmkey Memorial Award \$1,000; Ladysmith Lions’ Pete Seaton Bursary \$1,000; Ministry Dogwood Award \$1,000.
- **Katrina Hjort:** Ladysmith Health Care Youth Volunteer Scholarship \$4,000.
- **Melissa Mrus:** Ladysmith Health Care Youth Volunteer Scholarship \$4,000; Ladysmith Health Care Youth Volunteer Scholarship \$300.
- **Madeline Shred:** Ladysmith Health Care Auxiliary Scholarship \$4,000; Retired Teachers’ Association Awards \$750.
- **Sam Street:** Ladysmith and District Credit Union Bursary (Academic) \$3,000.
- **Emily Weeks:** Ladies Auxiliary FOE Aerie 2101 Bursary \$1,000; Ladysmith Lions’ Pete Seaton Memorial Award \$1,000; Cory Bailey Memorial Award \$1,000.

Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation is a community based, non-profit organization that raises funds to help support unmet basic needs of students in School District 68, which has a high child poverty rate.

While the original purpose was to raise money for scholarships and bursaries, the foundation's mission has expanded over the years to helping provide food programs, school supplies and other needs of students attending Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools.

For more information about Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation, or to donate, please contact Dennison at 250-753-4074 or visit [www.NLSF.ca](http://www.NLSF.ca).

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