



Media Release

57 Boys and Girls Club Youth are Awarded the Opportunity to Achieve their Academic Dreams as Recipients of the *Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (MARKHAM, ON, June 19, 2009) Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada and Future Shop have opened the door for 57 youth from across Canada to realize their academic potential by presenting them with Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships. These scholarships will provide the recipients with \$4,000 towards the September 2009 school term to assist with the cost of post-secondary education.

"Giving back is a part of our culture, and we're proud of the opportunities the scholarships create every year for the Boys and Girls Clubs' youth," said Cheryl Grant, Community Relations Manager, Future Shop. "After nine years of providing scholarships, we understand the value the scholarships bring to the individual recipients to succeed in their next level of education, and in their future impact in our communities."

Each student is provided with a \$3,500 or \$3,000 cash award along with a \$500 or \$1,000 Future Shop gift card to ensure they have all the tools for academic success. This is the ninth year Future Shop has partnered with Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada in realizing the importance of a quality education for future success. To date, nearly 500 scholarships have been awarded to deserving youth leaders from all across Canada totaling more than \$1.5 million.

The cost of post-secondary education in Canada continues to rise and presents barriers to many deserving youth across Canada, with an increasing number of students seeking scholarship support. In a 2007 report, the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation reported that 33% of high school graduates, who did not pursue post secondary education, did so for financial reasons. The same report stated that only 20% of youth from the lowest income bracket were able to pursue post-secondary education opportunities.

"Without a quality education, young people will face increasing challenges that limit their opportunities for success in their life and career goals," said Pam Jolliffe, President and CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada. "Giving the next generation of leaders the tools for success is a shared passion for Boys and Girls Clubs and Future Shop and these scholarships play an essential role. Together we are building a positive future for young people across Canada."

Jenna-Lynn Burns, a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Kawartha Lakes, is a recipient of a 2009 Future Shop Future Leader Scholarship.

"It is because of the scholarship that I am able to attend university. What I am most grateful for is that this scholarship has allowed me to go to school without having to worry about finances, I am able to concentrate on my academics and I still have time to give back to my community, to work with youth, to initiate change, said Burns. "Next year I will be attending teachers college and expect to be exceedingly busy with program requirements and placements. Future Leaders provides me with the financial freedom to allocate my time to my community and my education."

Recipients of the Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships are selected based on their outstanding contribution to their Boys and Girls Club and local community, good academic standing and financial need.

Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships – Class of 2009:

British Columbia/ Colombie Britannique

Jonathon Russell	Boys and Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria
Salimah Valiani	Boys and Girls Club Community Services of Delta/Richmond
Spiros Zygouras	Boys and Girls Club Community Services of Delta/Richmond
Jessica Bemister	Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vancouver-Fraserview
Angela Rivers-Bowerman	Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vancouver-Kimount
Susanne Ouellet	Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Vancouver Island
Blaine Davies	Boys and Girls Club Community Services of Delta/Richmond

Alberta

Tiffany Glowasky	Boys and Girls Club of Airdrie
Cindy Conville	Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary-Pineridge Club
Jessica Frail	Fort Saskatchewan Boys and Girls Club
Jeffrey Baker	Boys and Girls Club of Wetaskiwin
Kaylee Dewar	Boys and Girls Club of Leduc
Caitlin Hickey	Boys and Girls Club of Red Deer & District
Cody Frenette	Boys and Girls Club of Red Deer & District
Kelsey Folkard	Boys and Girls Club of Lethbridge & District

Saskatchewan

Evan Rostotski	Boys and Girls Club of Saskatoon
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Manitoba

Amanda Worm	Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg-Sister MacNamara Club
Kuch Akeen	Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg-Sister MacNamara Club
Brianna Pate	Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg-Ryerson Club
Rea Andrada	Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg
Nate Preyma	Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg- Victor Mager Club

Ontario

Jenna-Lynn Burns	Boys and Girls Club of Kawartha Lakes
Nasrullah Amin	Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Clubs
Rafael Palomeque	Boys and Girls Club of London
Archana Selvarajan	West Scarborough Boys and Girls Club
Chantelle Picano	Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club
Esther Ssemugen	Boys and Girls Club of London
Antonia Date	Boys and Girls Club of Peel
Trichelle Primo	East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club
Emma Hughes	Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club
Alexander Maenza	Eastview (Oshawa) Boys and Girls Club
Monique Thompson	Albion Neighbourhood Services Boys and Girls Club
Steven Nicholls	Boys and Girls Club of Niagara
Sylvon Hutson	Braeburn Boys and Girls Club
Ohana Olivera	St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club
Noor Alhattab	Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa/ Club des Garçons et Filles d'Ottawa
Michael Skirving	Boys and Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay
Dolapo Adams	Boys and Girls Club of Windsor & Essex County

Quebec/ Québec

Akua Adinkrah	Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle/ Club Garçons et Filles de LaSalle
Bryce Ojo-Carby	Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle/ Club Garçons et Filles de LaSalle
Omar Gayle	Dawson Boys and Girls Club/ Club Garçons et Filles de Dawson
Riley McCarthy	Dawson Boys and Girls Club/ Club Garçons et Filles de Dawson
Cody Ryan	Dawson Boys and Girls Club/ Club Garçons et Filles de Dawson

Cynthia Silvestriadid Dawson Boys and Girls Club/ Club Garçons et Filles de Dawson

New Brunswick/ Nouveau-Brunswick

Kaitlin MacDonald Miramichi Boys and Girls Club/Club Garçons et Filles de Miramichi
Boys and Girls Club of Fredericton/ Club Garçons et Filles de
Fredericton
Michael Stafford
Kayla Perry Boys and Girls Club of Saint John Inc.

Nova Scotia/ Nouvelle-Écosse

Carlos Beals Boys and Girls Club of Dartmouth
Justine Colley Boys and Girls Club of Preston
Celeste Williams Boys and Girls Club of Preston
Sara Abdo Boys and Girls Club of East Dartmouth

Newfoundland and Labrador / Terre-Neuve et Labrador

Jasmine Brazil Wabana Boys and Girls Club
Meghan Ivany Botwood Boys and Girls Club Inc.
Tyler Howlett Boys and Girls Clubs of St. John's-Mundy Pond Unit

Prince Edward Island/ l'île du Prince-Édouard

Kayla Jeffery Wellington & Area Boys and Girls Club/ Club Garçons et Filles de
Wellington et des environs
Kayla Gallant Boys and Girls Club of Summerside
Ashley Praught Boys and Girls Club of Summerside

About Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada

Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada is a leading charitable organization providing programs that support the healthy physical, educational and social development of 200,000 children, youth and their families each year. In 700 community locations across Canada, Clubs offer access to opportunities, after-school and at other times when children are not in school, to develop healthy behaviours, academic success and technology learning, positive relationships and life and leadership skills. Many Clubs also provide nutritious snacks and meals, emergency shelter, family support programs and other support to children, youth and families at risk. Boys and Girls Clubs have been helping young Canadians to discover, develop and achieve their potential, for over 100 years. To learn more, visit www.bgccan.com.

About Future Shop

With 142 stores across the country and the nation's premier web store (www.futureshop.ca), Burnaby, BC-based Future Shop is Canada's largest retailer and e-tailer of consumer electronics. The company employs more than 10,000 technology enthusiasts, has enabled its website to deliver unparalleled content about the products it sells and host an online community forum for technology beginners and tech-savvy experts to exchange ideas, reviews, tips and other consumer electronics information (www.futureshopforums.ca). As a proud corporate citizen, Future Shop has developed solutions to recycle used electronics (see www.futureshop.ca/green) and is committed to employee volunteerism and supporting non-profits organizations dedicated to transforming local youth into Future Leaders.

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