



Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada
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MEDIA RELEASE

55 Outstanding Boys and Girls Club Youth from across Canada Selected to Receive Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships

National scholarship program supported by Future Shop for fifth consecutive year

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (June 16, 2005) – Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada (BGCC) is pleased to announce the selection of 55 Boys and Girls Club youth from across Canada to receive a \$3,000 Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarship. This is the fifth consecutive year Future Shop and Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada have offered the post-secondary scholarships to Boys and Girls Club youth -- bringing the number of youth to benefit from the scholarship program to 275.

This year's recipients were announced on Saturday, June 4th at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada annual general meeting in Montreal. As in past years, recipients were chosen for demonstrating an inspiring commitment to their education and exceptional dedication to their local Boys and Girls Club, as well as financial need.

Brittany Tough, a scholarship recipient and member of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kingston who is currently studying at Queen's University, described what this scholarship means to her. "Last year was extremely difficult financially. I worked three part-time jobs to offset my costs. I have found it very hard to focus on school. This scholarship will help me out a great deal and relieve a lot of stress. "

"The Future Shop Future Leaders Scholarships are tremendously important to our youth," said Pam Jolliffe, National Executive Director, Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada. "Many of our youth have experienced incredible hardships in life and would simply not be able to afford to go to college or university otherwise. Thanks to Future Shop, some very dedicated, bright individuals are getting the chance to achieve their dreams in life."

Each scholarship includes either \$2,000 or \$2,500 toward tuition at the post-secondary institution of the youth's choice for the school term beginning September 2005, as well as a gift card valued at either \$1,000 or \$500 redeemable for Future Shop merchandise to assist with their studies.

This partnership makes Future Shop the largest private sector sponsor of Boys and Girls Club scholarships in Canada and brings Future Shop's cumulative investment in Canadian youth through the Future Leaders Scholarship program to close to \$1 million.

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“Through our support of the Future Leaders program, Future Shop is providing Canadian youth with access to education and resources that will enable them to become tomorrow’s leaders,” said Kevin Layden, President and COO of Future Shop. “We are extremely proud of the tremendous difference these scholarships are making to young people’s lives.”

Scholarship presentations will take place throughout the summer at Boys and Girls Clubs and Future Shop stores in communities across the country.

The Future Leaders - Class of 2005:

British Columbia

Clayton	Webb	Boys and Girls Club of Greater Victoria
Patricia	White	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver - Langley
Kayla	Marsall	Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops
Ian	Killick	Boys and Girls Club Community Service of Delta - Tsawassan
Brock	Whitten	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver - Langley
Heather	Weldon	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver - Kivan
Anton	Bezglashyi	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver - Fraserview
Rusty	Helgason	Boys and Girls Club of Williams Lake and District
Anur	Mehdic	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver - North Burnaby

Alberta

Jessika	Shewchuk	Stettler Boys and Girls Club
Taina	Merivirta	Fort Saskatchewan Boys and Girls Club
Cody	Hoskin	Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary
Jaryd	Winslow	Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary - Renfrew
Carrie	Sibley	Boys and Girls Club of Airdrie
Julia	Rubletz	Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary
Tyler	Chartrand	Boys and Girls Club of Leduc

Manitoba/Saskatchewan

Maricor	Andrada	Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club - Sister MacNamara
Lenard	Monkman	Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club - Freight House
Whitney	Morrison	Battlefords Boys and Girls Club
Sarita	Shahi	Battlefords Boys and Girls Club

Ontario

Ryan	Boodhai	Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club
Ashley	Rego	Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club - TP Loblaw
Peter	Apomonsah	Albion Boys and Girls Club
Mike	Higham	Boys and Girls Club of Niagara
Latoya	Webley	East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club
Kamil	Szczepkowski	Boys and Girls Club of London
Brittany	Tough	Boys and Girls Club of Kingston and Area

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Ontario cont'd.

Karrie	Currell	Boys and Girls Club of Peel
Rahel	Appiagyei	St. Alban's Boys and Girls Club - Jane and Finch
Yosef	Saraka	Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa - Police Youth Centre
John	Sheppard	Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club
Margaret	Liu	Boys and Girls Club of Peel
Muna	Hussein	Eastview Toronto Boys and Girls Club
Valentina	Kuper	City of Kawartha Lakes Boys and Girls Club
Khader	Magan	Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa - Britannia

Quebec

Darley	Polony	Dawson Boys and Girls Club
Cindy	Smith-Cohen	Dawson Boys and Girls Club
Sarah	Michele	Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle
Suzie	Leung	Boys and Girls Club of LaSalle

New Brunswick

Karen	Roy	Moncton Boys and Girls Club
Stacey	Richard	Moncton Boys and Girls Club
Megan	Voutour	Boys and Girls Club of Saint John
Corey	Haines	Boys and Girls Club of Saint John

Nova Scotia

Johnathan	Penney	Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club
Eddie	Colley	Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club
Melina	Colley	Preston Area Boys and Girls Club
Ross	Simmonds	Preston Area Boys and Girls Club

Prince Edward Island

Christina	Magill	Summerside Boys and Girls Club
Lindsay	Roger	Summerside Boys and Girls Club
Tanya	Kemp	Wellington and Area Boys and Girls Club

Newfoundland

Jillian	Foley	Wabana Boys and Girls Club
Zachary	Lane	James Hornell Boys and Girls Club
Robyn	Rowsell	James Hornell Boys and Girls Club
Jamie	Jackson	Upper Island Cove Boys and Girls Club
Kirk	Hancock	Botwood Boys and Girls Club

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About Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada

Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada is a leading provider of programs that support the healthy physical, educational and social development of more than 150,000 children, youth and their families each year. In 700 community locations across Canada, clubs offer after-school programs in physical recreation, technology, the arts, personal growth and more. Many clubs also provide meals, emergency shelter, family support programs and other supports to children and youth 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 more than 110 stores across the country and the nation's premier web store (www.FUTURESHOP.ca), Burnaby, BC-based Future Shop is Canada's largest, national retailer and e-tailer of consumer electronics.

Future Shop and its more than 10,000 employees are dedicated to providing consumers with expert service and offer the latest digital products including a wide selection of brand-named televisions, computers, audio, entertainment software and hardware plus appliances – all backed by a low price guarantee.

The Company is committed to kids and communities, supporting non-profit organizations that help youth develop their skill set, discover their talents and sustain a lasting interest in education.

For more information about Future Shop, including store locations, visit www.futureshop.ca.