

2015 CPAC-Investors Group Award Recipient: Akeda Akmatjan Sayram



Akeda Sayram is currently a grade 12 student at SATEC@W.A. Porter Collegiate Institute. Her grade 11 GPA was 94. She is an inspired and effective fundraiser with a passion for community service. Over the last four years, she has dedicated 2000 hours of service to her community and volunteered in multiple non-profit organizations in senior leadership positions. She has served as spokesperson for Plan Canada, member of

the City Youth Council of Toronto, Senior Vice President and CFO of the Federation of Canadian Secondary Students, Vice President of Project 5K, and National Youth Ambassador for World Vision.

In 2014, Akeda founded Accessible Education Association Ontario, a youth-led organization devoted to creating educational opportunities for children and youth in underprivileged areas. Partnered with Volunteer for the Visayans, Akeda and her group raised more than \$18,000 and adopted Guintigui-an Elementary School (127 students) and Lapay Elementary school (103 students) in the Philippines for one school year, providing their students with educational resources such as books, notebooks, pencils, and pens.

Akeda is honoured to receive the Grade 11 CPAC Award. As a great believer of giving back to community, she undertakes to carry these experiences with her to continue making a difference in society and impact the lives of others. She hopes to represent, in the future, the underlying value of being Canadian - serving others - and explore how she can continue to extend her values of service and empathy towards her community.