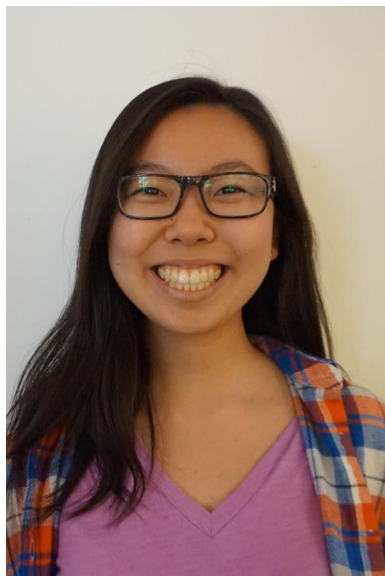


## 2015 CPAC-CPA Award

### Recipient: Ze Ran (Vicky) Xu



Vicky Xu is currently a grade 12 student and part of the TOPS program at Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute. Her grade 11 GPA was 94 and she distinguishes herself with her creative ideas. She believes that a combination of grit, common sense, and good ideas can create endless possibilities.

With a knack for research, she has incorporated bromelain from pineapple waste in modern detergents. Winning gold at the Toronto Science Fair last year, she was able to later present her project at the Ontario Universities Symposium and the World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering.

However, research has only been a part of Vicky's life; she believes community involvement is equally important and has just as much room for ideas to flourish. Last year, she co-founded a local organization called Community Surf - an organization that serves as a platform to bring community members together. She has organized two talent shows for her community and has run local programs from Bridge to Chess to Trivia.

Within Marc Garneau CI, Vicky is the president of her school's Art Council and has spearheaded the creation of her school's PRIDE mural to promote an environment of inclusivity. She was able to initiate and organize the school's first annual doodle-fest, an event that attracted over 200 students to come out and express themselves through art and chalk. She has also co-founded Undercover Kindness to spread joy and kindness across the city and served as president of her school's United Way Council to help raise funds for charities.