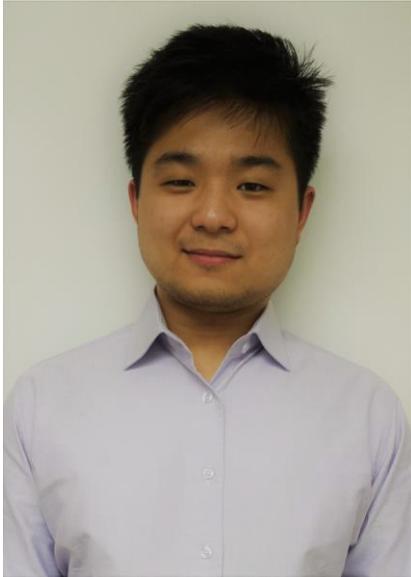




2016 CPAC Award (Grade 12)

Recipient: Kevin Zhang



Currently attending his 1st year at McMaster University's Health Sciences program, Kevin Zhang is one of this year's recipients of the CPAC Award based on his achievements in his Grade 12 year at Victoria Park Collegiate's International Baccalaureate Program. He finished his studies with a 97% average.

Strongly motivated by a passionate desire to empower others in the community, Kevin has worked with numerous organizations in the past including: The Hospital for Sick Children, Alzheimer Society of Toronto, The Stop Community Food Center, Daily Bread Food Bank and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center, amongst others.

In Hamilton, Kevin is involved with Overcome the Gap, a non-profit seeking to eliminate barriers to education. In 2017, he will help to deliver a series of leadership conferences wherein high school attendees will build foundational knowledge of effective leadership and be equipped with resources to help them become future leaders of tomorrow. Over the summer, Kevin will be working in the infectious diseases department at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton to investigate *Clostridium difficile*, a bacterium that causes diarrhea and colon inflammation due to taking certain antibiotics in high doses or over a prolonged period of time. In his free time, Kevin enjoys reading the newspaper and sports.

