

2017 CPAC Trailblazer Scholarship

Recipient: Lisa Wang



Lisa Wang is currently a grade 12 student at Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute in the Talented Offerings for Programs in the Sciences where she obtained an overall average of 94% last year.

She is

- Student Council President representing a student body of 1800
- Co-president of the EcoTeam
- Founder and President of the Social Justice & Equity Committee, which has raised awareness and taken action on social issues from homophobia and women's rights to islamophobia; and
- Captain and MVP of the women's senior volleyball team.

She has recently been awarded

- 2nd place in the Ryerson ROPE Engineering Fair for research on sustainable cementitious composites, and
- 4th in the International DECA competition in the Buying and Merchandizing Operations Research category

Lisa is deeply committed to conservation and has a passion for environmental stewardship.

- She organized a province-wide conference, the Youth Summit for Biodiversity and Environmental Leadership, attracting 100+ high school students for a weekend of environmentalism.
- She helped draft a template for letters requesting municipal governments to become declared Bee Cities. It has been used successfully by three provincial Youth Council members for their townships.



- She has spearheaded a social media campaign and developed public educational materials for pollinator conservation.
- She has organized clean-ups, Eco-Movie screenings, waste and energy audits, and reduced the school's number of garbage bins from three to one. Under her leadership with the help of Ontario Nature, a grant from TD Friends of the Environment and many helping hands, 200 native wildflowers were planted which increased pollinator habitats on her school grounds. These efforts led to a three-year streak of certification for her school as a Platinum EcoSchool and designation as Canada's third Bee City School.

Lisa strives to create, and has had, a positive impact in her school and community. There are very few students that know her school as well as does Lisa or have spent so many hours through its halls, advocating for change. She is an outstanding, well-rounded student, an active and effective leader driven to promote social responsibility and environmental stewardship, living by the motto "There is no Planet-B."

Please join me in congratulating **Lisa Wang**, CPAC's 2017 Trailblazer Scholarship Recipient for her academic excellence, social justice advocacy and environmental leadership.

