



2017 CPAC Award (Grade 11)

Recipient: Shyanna Gangji



Shyanna is presently in Grade 12 at Westmount Secondary School of Hamilton. She is a 2017 CPAC Award recipient for Grade 11 based on her outstanding academic achievements with an average of 96% and impactful healthcare initiatives.

Shyanna started volunteering at the Doobay Medical Centre in Guyana since she was 14 and has been recognized for showing immense maturity and dedication at the clinic. In 2016, while interacting with a blind patient, Shyanna was inspired to take action to improve the drug delivery system at the clinic to avoid dosage error and improve compliance to medications for the local patients. She solicited support from Canadian companies, trained staff, and delivered a vial and blister packaging system to the clinic. She continues to interact with the corporate sponsors to ensure the project will continue indefinitely. Shyanna has now expanded the project to Guyana's main hospital, Georgetown Public Hospital, where she has also participated in two clinic studies aimed at improving health care in that hospital.

More locally, Shyanna has volunteered at Shelter Health Network (SHN) Hepatitis C Clinic in Hamilton (Ontario) since 2015, where individuals are struggling with Hepatitis C combined with poverty, homelessness, mental health and/or addiction issues.

Following a presentation at a Kidney Foundation Charity Event, she learned that Canada has one of the lowest organ donation rates in world, primarily due to a lack of awareness. Again motivated to take action, Shyanna developed a curriculum guideline for teachers and administrators at her high school, based on the Trillium Gift of Life Program. It will start September 2018.

Please join me in congratulating **Shyanna Gangji**, the 2017 CPAC Award recipient for Grade 11.

