

2014 CPAC Award Recipient (G11): Newton (Zicheng) Zheng



Newton is a philanthropic youth with a passion for community service. He founded Project 5K with a mission to encourage volunteerism as a lifestyle choice. The organization connects volunteers with events, and as the President, Newton has grown Project 5K into a network of 1200 members, across 115 schools in Ontario, in less than one year, empowering students to believe that they are drivers of change.

He expanded Project 5K nationally and internationally through partnerships in Alberta and Indonesia. To support the expansion, Newton developed an infrastructure where he now manages the activities of his 23 executives and 65 school representatives.

Project 5K nurtured Newton's entrepreneurial spirit and he has transitioned that into other community roles including Night it Up!, an outdoor night market coordinated by youth that welcomes over 120,000 guests annually. As the Associate Sales Director, Newton led a team of 15 and was influential in generating over \$115,000 in revenue with all proceeds channeled into local charities to foster youth development.

Newton is competitive in sports as well as in academics. He is a provincial and national champion in badminton. He is extremely supportive of colleagues and willing to provide help whenever he is asked. He has demonstrated, in sports, academics and community service, a great deal of charisma, commitment and drive to motivate and unite youths under a common cause.