

2014 CPAC - Investors Group Scholarship Recipient: Nia King



As the University of Guelph's top freshman Biomedical Sciences student, Nia highly values education. She believes that everyone should have equal access to quality education and therefore works extensively to make progress in achieving this goal. Nia has worked as a peer tutor and with school programs that aim to facilitate learning opportunities for all students. On an international scale, Nia has conducted a research project investigating the determinants of non-enrollment and absenteeism of children in rural western Kenya with the goal of developing community-based strategies that will address these issues. She is currently preparing a scientific journal manuscript to make her research available to other stakeholders.

Nia volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters Guelph, served as the assistant logistics coordinator for the annual TEDxGuelphU conference, volunteers at a Health Centre, and is currently completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.

Athletics has also greatly contributed to Nia's personal development. She has represented Canada on the international stage in rowing, and recently represented Ontario at the 2015 Canada Winter Games for ringette. As co-captain of the ringette team, Nia has shown phenomenal leadership and organizational skills.

Nia is a bright and mature young woman who is committed to making a difference in the world. In the future she would like to continue working in developing communities in the public health field in hopes of learning to collaborate with various communities and cultures to establish effective community-based education and health systems.