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Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Inclusiveness

Award Winners

About the YMCA Celebration Of Youth Awards

At the YMCA we believe the youth of today are the key to a more prosperous future tomorrow. Through commitment to our youth we directly support the development of healthy, caring adults, contributing to a compassionate and dynamic society.

The YMCA Celebration of Youth Awards is one example of the Y's commitment to invest in the young people of Chatham-Kent. The awards honour individuals whose outstanding talents and achievements contribute to the well-being and future of our society. The YMCA and its sponsors are extremely proud of the opportunity to recognize these 11 unique individuals in our community.

The YMCA is a charity that ignites growth and belonging for people of all backgrounds, beliefs, and abilities.. The Celebration of Youth is just one way the Y and our community partners work to make a difference in Chatham-Kent.

Award Ceremony

MC – Joe Cebulski Regional Manager, Lambton-Kent Region, YSWO

Welcome - Soyuth Sok

Vice President, Health, Fitness and Aquatics, YSWO

History – Krista Gillespie

Vice President of Youth Engagement, YSWO

Y Story – Jack Smolders

Day Camp Support Specialist and Previous COY Winner, YSWO

Agriculture and Environment Award – Tanner Grubb Sponsored by Sylvite Agri-Services and The Andersons Canada

Alan Stevenson Memorial Award – Abby Lumley Sponsored by Canadian Mental Health Association

Apprenticeship Award – Jeanette Legere Sponsored by Hydro One

Business Spirit Award – Ethan VanDerMeersch Sponsored by the Frank and Mary Uniac Foundation Champion of Inclusive Communities Award – Jaden Nussey Sponsored by Community Living – Wallaceburg

Health Sciences Award – Layla Hashim

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Leadership/Entrepreneurship Award – Jack Grochmal *Sponsored by FirstOntario Credit Union*

Science and Technology Award – Georgia Pitblado

Sponsored by Maple Mutual Insurance

Sports and Recreation Award – Skylar Rutledge

Sponsored by Chatham Y Pool Sharks

Volunteerism and Community Service Award – Mackenzie Pilon *Sponsored by North Kent Wind*

Heather Shaw Memorial Award - YMCA Leadership – Aiden Franko Sponsored by Chatham-Kent Family YMCA Foundation

Closing Comments – Timarra Milmine

General Manager, Chatham-Kent YMCA, YSWO



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