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Subject: **Student Trustee Election**

Background

In accordance with Board Policy Sec. A Policy – Student Trustee on the Board, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board requires two student trustees – one to represent the students of Chatham-Kent and one to represent the students of Sarnia-Lambton.

Basic Eligibility Requirements of Student Trustee

School principals were directed to verify that they were to only include in the selection process those students who meet these requirements:

- During 2023 - 2024 term of office, a full-time student in at least grade 11
- Has access to transportation to attend the meetings in Wallaceburg
- Has a record of good attendance and hence is likely to be able to honour the time commitment

In advance of the selection day, Student Councils promoted among the student body of each Catholic secondary school of the student trustee selection date.

The elections for St. Patrick's High School and Ursuline College both occurred on February 28, 2023.

Student Trustees

St. Patrick's: Lily Cole

St. Patrick's is very proud to announce that Lily Cole is our Student Trustee for the 2023-2024 school year.

Lillian (Lily) Cole is a kind and eager Grade 11 student at St. Patrick's High School. Lily is active in her faith which can be seen through her commitment to her home parish of St. Michael, Bright's Grove and her participation in various school religious ceremonies throughout the year. Currently, at St. Patrick's, she serves as the Minister of Faith on the Student Council, and is always willing to help whenever she can. Lily enjoys drawing, reading, wood carving, Irish dancing, and looks for new learning opportunities as they arise.

Throughout high school, Lily has achieved more than academic success. She has grown immensely by being a member of the Link Crew, the Social Justice Committee, the Curling team, the Student Council, The Almost Corner Store, and the planning committees for Irish Miracle and Cyclone Aid. Lily has also discovered a love for Biology and Psychology through her high school courses. Because of this, Lily

would like to further her studies through post-secondary education in the field of Behaviour, Cognition, and Neuroscience.

As Lily enters Grade 12 in the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, she is excited to complete her academic journey at St. Patrick's High School and is looking forward to taking on the role of Student Trustee along with any other challenges and opportunities that may come her way.

UCC: Georgia Pitblado

It is with pride that Ursuline College will announce that Georgia Pitblado is our Student Trustee for the 2023-2024 school year.

Georgia Pitblado is a current grade 10 student at Ursuline College who has been selected to serve as Student Trustee for the 2023/2024 school year.

In addition to maintaining high academic standards, Georgia is a highly involved Lancer. She belongs to school clubs and teams including the NTS Drama Festival and UCC Junior Girls basketball. Georgia has also participated in academically enriching opportunities such as the Waterloo math contests and our Hackergals program. As well, Georgia serves our school and local community through We Scare Hunger food drive and is a leader on our LancerLink crew.

Outside of UCC, Georgia demonstrates an outstanding work ethic by working to achieve grade eight piano, is a dedicated employee at three part-time jobs, and is working towards her black belt in karate.

Georgia has valuable insight into our school through her faith, academics, athletics, and the arts. As such, Georgia is an excellent representation of UCC's voice. She is a leader in our school community, exemplifying the Catholic Graduate expectations. I am very excited to welcome Georgia as Student Trustee, as I know she will represent Ursuline College with pride.

Recommendations

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board recognize the election of Lily Cole from St. Patrick's Catholic High School and Georgia Pitblado from Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School and appoint them as Student Trustees for the period of August 2023 to June 2024.