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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC STUDENTS RECEIVE CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO HONOURS

Two Catholic secondary school students from the St. Clair district have been honoured with the *Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario Student Award* for 2012.

The awards for Travis Tetreault, a Grade 12 student at St. Patrick's Catholic High School in Sarnia and Erin Meloche, a 2012 graduate of Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School, were announced by the Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario (CEFO) in June. The students were also recognized for their contributions to Catholic education, by the St. Clair Board of Trustees at tonight's meeting.

Travis was honoured for his dedication to the school's Teen Leadership Corps, the Muskoka Woods Leadership Team, the Irish Miracle Committee and student council. Travis is actively involved in school drama and has been a member of the St. Patrick's Improv and Comedy Team since Grade 10. He was stage manager of the school production of *The Wizard of Oz* last year. He is described by staff as a kind, caring and compassionate student, an excellent scholar and a team player. Outside of school, Travis is a SMAA youth bowling coach and an active member of the Sarnia-Lambton Youth Suicide Prevention Committee.

During her time at UCC, Erin was a Commissioner of the Lancer Link Leadership Team, which provides guidance in the development of school leaders. She was a member of the school choir and the Pro Life Society. Erin travelled on a school mission trip to the Dominican Republic, where she lived and worked with local people and gained an understanding of how some global structures create and sustain poverty and injustice in the world. When she returned home, she joined the school's Me to We Group, which is part of the Free The Children campaign. Erin has also been a volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society and the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"Travis and Erin are shining examples of our Catholic students," says Carol Bryden, Chair of the Board. "In helping to fulfill the mission of Catholic education, they leave our schools as committed and involved students and go on to become caring and contributing citizens."

Travis Tetreault was on hand to accept the Board's congratulations at tonight's Board meeting in person; however, Erin Meloche has now begun her post-secondary education in the Forensic Science Program at the University of Windsor and was unable to attend. Vice Chair of the Board, Linda Ward, who is also a CEFO board member, presented Travis with a memento of his achievement.

All recipients of the *Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario Student Award* were invited guests to the Father Patrick Fogarty Awards Dinner, which was held in Toronto in October.