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CATHOLIC STUDENT TRUSTEES ELECTED TO SERVE FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Students from St. Patrick's Catholic High School in Sarnia and Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School have been elected to serve as Catholic student trustees, for the 2021-2022 school year. Elections were held at the secondary schools in February.

The results of the elections are as follows:

- St. Patrick's – Grace McCormack, Grade 11 student, will represent the Catholic school students of Sarnia-Lambton;
- Ursuline College – Owen Malott-Bennett, Grade 11 student, will represent the Catholic school students of Chatham-Kent.

The schools have provided the following biographies of the new student trustees:

Grace McCormack is a creative and diligent grade eleven student at St. Patrick's high school. You will find her onstage, with her nose in a book, writing, or learning. Grace is incredibly grateful for the position of Catholic student trustee presenting itself to her.

If you were to ask Grace to describe her high school experience in one word, she would say with confidence the word would be growth. Since stepping into St. Patrick's on the first day of Grade 9, Grace has grown into becoming an author, honour roll student, actress and advocate for students' needs. Publishing her book in October 2018, a mere two months into high school, Grace has grown her skills of communication, articulation, and creativity. As an actress who has participated in several years of Carrie Beauchamp's Nightingale Chorus and Glee, as well as three amazing years in drama class, Grace is no stranger to the stage. Acting and singing have taught her the importance of collaboration and sharing one's voice.

Advocating for students' needs is something Grace has been able to do in becoming the 2019-2020 Minister of Wellness for Student Council and spending time on both Chaplaincy and Wellness teams in Grade 10. Grace hopes that becoming the student trustee will further expand her own personal growth, and the growth of St. Patrick's.

Grace plans to become a lawyer after graduating. She believes that the student trustee position will be a chance to further develop her skills of punctuality, advocating for others, and organization. It is with great gratitude that Grace will take on the responsibility and honour of being the 2021-2022 student trustee.

Owen Malott-Bennett is a kind, generous and thoughtful Lancer. As a third generation Lancer, Owen is proud to have been part of Catholic Education his entire life. He attended elementary school at Georges P. Vanier Catholic school and is completing his Grade 11 year at UCC.

Owen is a well-liked student who has a great rapport with his teachers both at UCC and with his former teachers at GPV. Owen is hard-working, respectful and has a very pleasant nature. Prior to COVID, Owen was selected as a leader for the Muskoka Woods Experience, as he takes a great deal of pride in helping others and in 'being there' for them.

Owen has performed as an athlete in Lancer football, Team Ontario and Chatham Kent Cougars football. He has also volunteered to support coaching in the Cougars junior football program. Owen has also volunteered alongside his mom and her coworkers, supporting community fundraisers for Restorative Justice and with Racing Against Drugs.

Owen looks forward to working alongside the trustees of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board to be a voice for the youth of his Catholic school community. He wants to be an advocate for the needs of his fellow students at the Board table.

Owen looks forward to leaving a legacy of which UCC and St. Clair Catholic will be proud.

The Board of Trustees affirmed the elections of both Grace McCormack and Owen Malott-Bennett at the Tuesday, March 30, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and appointed them to serve as Catholic student trustees for the term which runs from August 2021 to June 2022.

