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Saskatoon Public Schools
Inspiring Learning

January 12, 2012 – Marnie Howlett top student at Saskatoon Public Schools!

Earlier today the Board of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools awarded Marnie Howlett, a graduate of Marion M. Graham Collegiate, the 2011 Award of Excellence. The award is given each year to the student who best exemplifies the goals and values of Saskatoon Public Schools. Here are a few of the reasons why we are so proud of Marnie!

- She is very involved in the Ukrainian community as an understudy of Pavlychenko Folklorique Ensemble, a member of the Lastiwka Ukrainian Orthodox Choir and as a Sunday school assistant teacher.
- She had an average of 99.14% in her Grade 12 graduating credits!
- She organized the Marion M. Graham Collegiate Christmas hamper campaign for three years.
- She is a community tennis and volleyball instructor and also finds time to tutor.
- Through her four years at Marion M. Graham Collegiate, her lowest mark was 92%.

Here's a quote from one of Marnie's teachers: "Marnie is the textbook definition of above and beyond. She is the one student I have taught who did everything humanely possible to excel at being human. She was generous, kind, funny, brave, outgoing, humble, strong, intelligent, and possessed an unflinching will to make life better for both herself and fellow students."

"Members of the Board of Education are so proud when they hear that kind of testimonial about one of our students," says Ray Morrison, Chair of the Board of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools. "Marnie Howlett has an incredible work ethic and is a true leader in her community. She will go far in life."

Marnie is currently a student in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Saskatchewan, working towards a degree in International Studies. She plans to attend Law School once she has completed her first degree.

Established in 1990, the Award of Excellence recognizes the Grade 12 student who most exemplifies excellence in areas including lifelong learning, critical and creative thinking, respect for others, world citizenship, a sense of personal worth and dignity, and moral, ethical and spiritual values. Each public collegiate nominates a student and a selection committee made up of the Board Chairperson, a teacher representative and two senior administrators determine the winner.

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