

## Rotary Club Literacy Bursary

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## Life transformations – thanks to you

Dear Rotary Club of Calgary – Thank you for your generous support again this year for our literacy learners through your Rotary Club Literacy Bursaries at Bow Valley College.

The following pages highlight your award recipients' stories, words of appreciation to you, and photos from the awards ceremony on November 22, 2017.



Lorne Larson presenting Rotary Club Literacy Bursary to BVC learners at the CEFL Awards Ceremony on November 22, 2017.

# Thank You!

With thanks for your support from the Rotary Club Literacy Bursary award recipients:

Crystal Kitchemonia:



Crystal says receiving this bursary shows that she can do something with her life and makes her proud of how far she has come. She wants to get her high school diploma. Coming to Bow Valley College was prompted because she heard great things about the college. Crystal has been here for one year and has completed her ABE mathematics. She will begin her Academic Upgrading in Fall 2018.

Thank you for giving a chance to be in school. It shows me, I think I can do something in my life. I am going to save this money for my future. I am trying to get my high school degree. This award encourages me to achieve my learning goals. This award has made me proud of myself that how far I came. Now I am on my way to do upgrading courses.

**Thank You!**

**Edwine Dessources:**



Edwine is thankful for this award money. She says it will help her buy a laptop computer. Edwine moved to Calgary from Haiti. She came to Bow Valley College to study English. Her future career goals include working in graphic design or the environment. Something unique about Edwine is that she donates money to sponsor a child through Plan International.

Thank you for this award. This money will help me to buy a laptop. I am surprised and happy to win this award. This award will help me to work more in my future.

**Thank You!**

**Noorulzalam Noorulzalam:**



Noorulzalam appreciates the generosity of this bursary. She plans to spend the funds on her post-secondary education. Noorulzalam wants to be a nurse. Originally from Afghanistan, Noorulzalam has been at Bow Valley College for two years. She is a very hard-working person and loves to help other people. Her hobbies include swimming and walking in the fresh air and she loves to cook. Noorulzalam says every member of her family is studying.

Please accept my thanks for selecting me as the recipient of this award Rotary Club Library Bursary. Your generosity will help me to continue at the post – secondary level and provide me with additional financial support. With this award, I plan to spend it on my education. I really appreciate for the award. I am very humble to you generosity.

Thank you again.

**Thank You!**



**Mark Lech:**



begin in the Fall semester of 2018.

Mark is very grateful to the Rotary Club for establishing this Literacy Bursary. He believes it is fundamental in inspiring students to go forward sure footed toward their individual goals. For him, it makes him feel that his hard work has not gone unnoticed and he is so appreciative to have received it. Mark's next step in education is in the Health Care Aide Certificate program here at Bow Valley College where he has been accepted to

To The Rotary Club Literacy Bursary Board,

I, Mark Lech, would like to thank everyone who made this possible, from the staff here at Bow Valley College for the nomination to The Rotary Club for establishing this Literacy Bursary. Having your bursary granted to me is an honor. This opportunity from The Rotary Club Literacy Bursary established here at Bow Valley College is Fundamental in inspiring students to go forward sure footed toward each individual's goals as it helps in various ways.

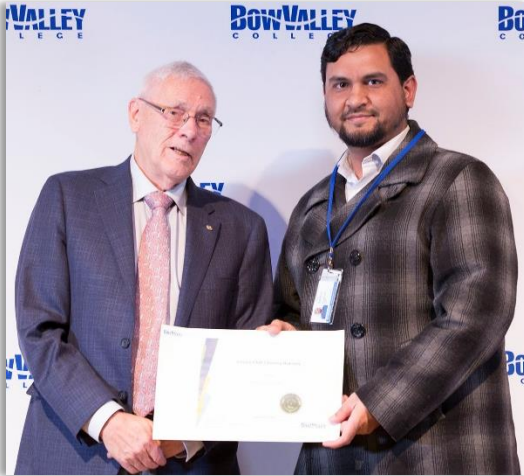
As for my next steps in education as I have been Accepted here at Bow Valley College for a full time studies for the Health Care Aide Certificate program in the fall semester of 2018. I plan to pledge this Bursary towards my educational endeavor.

Once again I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved with nomination and granting me The Rotary Club Literacy Bursary, this really make me feel like my hard work has not gone unnoticed and I appreciate this so much.

Sincerely,  
Mark Lech

**Thank You!**

**Muhammad Umar:**



Muhammad's search for the best place for academic upgrading brought him to Bow Valley College. After completing his upgrading he is going to begin studying in a medical program. Muhammad said receiving this bursary proves he has been working hard in school. Muhammad loves to help others every day of his life. He considers himself a very soft person and says his life is very simple. Muhammad was born in Pakistan. He has eleven years of experience in Pharmacy. He was married in 2006 and came to Canada in 2008. He has four children.

I want to say thank you so much from bottom of my heart. This award is so much honour for me and it was my dream. Now I am thank full to my generous donor to him/her.

**Thank You!**

**Lewam Tesfay:**



Lewam has studied at Bow Valley College for 8 months. She came to BVC to upgrade her high school before she continues her education to become an LPN and then a Registered Nurse and she says if time allows she would love to be a doctor. Receiving this bursary comes at a time when her family is facing challenges because her husband had a knee injury resulting in him not being able to work full-time. Lewam believes that being a married woman, a mother of 3 small children (3 years old, 23 months old, 2 months old) and being a full-time student makes her unique. With all of this busyness in her life, she was still able to achieve high grades in all of her courses. Lewam will come back to BVC full-time in January 2018.

Receiving this award means a lot to me. First of all it is a great encouragement for me to work harder. Second it a big help in our financial strain. Currently we are facing challenges due to my husband's knee injury which resulted in him not being able to work full time.

**Thank You!**



### Antsar Kahdim:

Antsar heard good things about Bow Valley College and decided to attend here...that was back in 2012. She took two courses at that time and then took a break to care for a new baby...four years later she is back taking more courses. She wants to continue her high school upgrading to prepare her to take an MRI technical class. Antsar considers herself quiet and serious and when she does any job she likes it to be a very careful and honest job. Receiving this bursary means a lot to her.

Thank you so much and I appreciate this wonderful and amazing way
to encourage all student to work hard in this college. This is very
nice and wonderful gift I will keep it with me all my life to remember
ing me what good job this donor does to push me toward. Thank you so
much. God will bless you and save you.

## Thank You!

**Bengie Lalanne:**



Bengie who comes from Montreal, Quebec has been a Bow Valley College learner for 2 years now. A career change and moving to Calgary was the impetus to bring her to Bow Valley College to study. Her future goals include becoming a Registered Nurse. In the meantime she wants to complete her upgrading and BVC's Practical Nurse program.

Receiving this bursary means that her concentration, dedication and honesty are the key to great results. She says she has received lots of help and support from her amazing teachers, superb classmates, and of course a great school.

I would like to thank the jury that considered me to be in the nominat  
Also, a big thank you to the Bow Valley College's administration department  
and the team of teachers that supported me. And last but certainly  
not least the donor of this award. Being a single mother,  
this award symbolized that anyone can overcome  
adversities.

**Thank You!**

**Tsigeweini Zeru:**



Tsigeweini was a kindergarten teacher in her home country of Eritrea. She came to Canada as a refugee in 2013. She found it difficult at first because she did not know the English language. This language barrier kept her from getting a job so she decided to come to Bow Valley College to learn English. These challenges have made her a strong woman and she has managed everything on her own together with the help and support of different organizations and workers. Receiving this bursary has encouraged her to do better in the future

and pursue a career as a Pharmacy Technician assistant.

I would like to thank you Rotary club for acknowledging my hard work and awarding me with the Rotary club Literacy Bursary. This award has given me a lot of motivation to do my best in future. I am very happy and thankful for your generosity. It has been very difficult and challenging for me to find a job in Canada because of the language barrier and my disability. This award will provide me moral and financial support to achieve my goal which is to become independent.

**Thank You!**

**Khaled Ibrahim:**



Khaled is the father of 2 daughters and moved to Calgary about 3 years ago. He worked as a family physician and in health care quality control in Egypt and Dubai. Khaled has been at Bow Valley College for over 2 years and wants to achieve a career in Nursing. Receiving this bursary motivates and pushes him to work hard and always be an excellent student. Khaled considers himself excellent at math and he enjoys explaining it to his children and classmates.

I really feel very grateful for the donor of this award because he is doing a great thing to push student toward excellency. Thank you so much from My deep heart.  
Khaled

**Thank You!**



**Omer Salih:**



Omer is from North Sudan. He wants to be an ER physician or a Radiologist. Receiving this bursary has been instrumental towards his success as a student and gives him the means to continue his education. In fact, it came at a time when he was thinking of giving up school because of a tight family situation. Omer had 2 degrees in medical laboratory and translation and worked as a medical translator in the biggest hospital in the Gulf region in Dubai for 10 years before coming to Canada. After working several 'no future' jobs in Canada he realized having a good education would help with securing a better career and that is why he came to Bow Valley College.

Some people we never meet them before, we don't know them, these people always holding a brush drawing great smile in other people faces.  
Just like what you did to my face you make me happy like a dolphin jumping in a big pool.

Thank you is not enough, but I promise to pray for you.

thank you-

**Thank You!**



**Zo Liani:**



Zo is very appreciative of receiving this bursary because it has lightened her financial burden and allows her to focus on her studies and inspires her to do the same to help others in any way she can. Zo's career goal is to become a Dental Assistant. Originally from Myanmar, Zo has been at Bow Valley College for a year and a half. Something unique about Zo is that she says she has exceptional budgeting and organization skills. [Perhaps we should ask her to share some]. Zo is a mother of 2 wonderful children and has been living in Canada since 2008.

I want to say Thank you for your generous Rotary Club Literacy Bursary Awards. I am very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your awards. You have lightened my financial burdens which allows me to focus on my studies. Your generosity has inspired me to do the same to help other people in anyway I can.

**Thank You!**