

Centre of Excellence in Foundational Learning Awards Ceremony

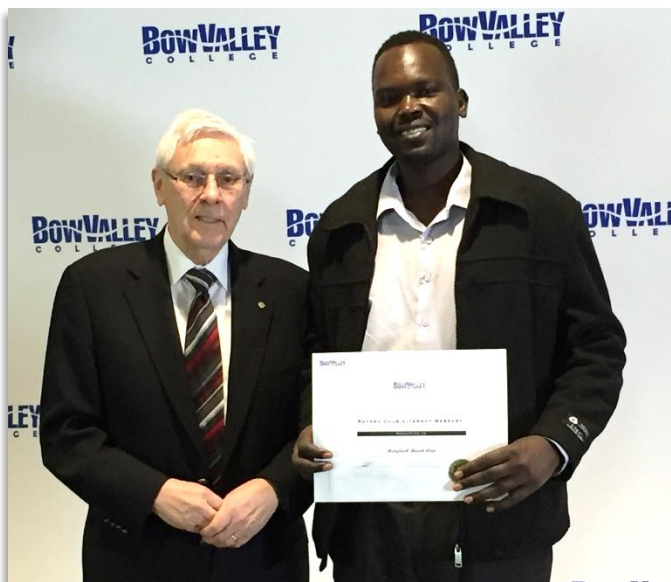
Dear Rotary Club of Calgary – Thank You for your generous support for our learners who have returned to learning to take High School Upgrading at Bow Valley College. The following pages outline your Award Recipients stories, words of appreciation and photos from the Award Ceremony on March 16, 2017



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Lorne Larson (left) presenting Rotary Club Literacy Bursary to Manylaak Majak Arop, student at Bow Valley College, at the CEFL Awards Ceremony on March 16, 2017

"I came to Canada from South Sudan. I have been studying at Bow Valley College for six months. I want to get a good education and to be a dental doctor in the future. There is a lot of things I went through and it made me who am I today. I was

recruited into the army when I was 14 years old. I was taken to Eritrea to fight the enemy. After two years of fighting I escaped to the refugee camp and this is where I got a chance to come to Canada in October 2008. I thank God and the Government of Canada for this wonderful opportunity they gave me!"

THANK YOU!

"I want to take this wonderful opportunity to thank the Donor and Bow Valley College for the award. I thank you in all my heart for this beautiful gift. You motivated me a lot with this gift. I feel special and so proud. This gift will make a big difference for me!"

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Lorne Larson (left) presenting Rotary Club Literacy Bursary to Sebastien Bellavance, student at Bow Valley College, at the CEFL Awards Ceremony on March 16, 2017

"I went to get my upgrading so that I can study to become an architect. This is my second semester at Bow Valley College. I am attending prep 10 math and prep science and working towards the program at SAIT in Architectural and Technologies. I am not quite there yet but I believe my goal is definitely attainable. Last

semester I was happy, engaging, really focused and motivated in school and in life which was shown in my grades. I suffer from mental illness since the age of 15 which comes and goes. This semester has been challenging for me as some of my personal issues are resurfacing and is definitely affecting my studies. I am still working hard every day to overcome this struggle and to do my best of my abilities in my studies. I want to thank The Rotary Club of Calgary for the award and my teacher for believing in me and nominating me. "

THANK YOU!

"I am honored and humbled to have receive this award. I want to thank the Rotary Club for establishing a scholarship at Bow Valley College and this great opportunity.

This scholarship motivates me to do my best and it also tells me that people believed in me."

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Lorne Larson (left) presenting Rotary Club Literacy Bursary to Seth Hellson, student at Bow Valley College, at the CEFL Awards Ceremony on March 16, 2017

"I was born in Vancouver, BC, but I moved with my family to different cities in Canada until we settled in Calgary.

I always had trouble attending school when I was younger, but Bow Valley College's friendly teachers, students and staff helped nurture me into

who I am today. I have been a learner at BVC for 7 months and my future goal is to become a chef and travel, cooking for others around the world.

I also like music and when patient I can learn to play music on the guitar by ear."

THANK YOU!

"Thank you very much for awarding me this bursary and making this award possible for students every year. Receiving this award means the world to me and gives me a compass, inspiring and leading me toward my goals. I am grateful to everyone who helped me and made this award possible! "

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Lorne Larson (left) presenting Rotary Club Literacy Bursary to Debapriya Mazumdar, student at Bow Valley College, at the CEFL Awards Ceremony Awards Ceremony on March 16, 2017

Debapriya Mazumdar immigrated to Canada from India. She is an honest and hardworking individual. Debi has rich experience of working in Canadian Retail industry and brief exposure with corporate work as well. However, she also has more desire for more knowledge and education. Her goal is to enter and grow professionally in Canadian health care sector. Besides her work, she is very caring and always tries to help others. Debi loves music and was an experienced East Indian folk dancer.

THANK YOU!

“I wish to thank the donor for this wonderful gift. The award brings honor and recognition for me from a very kind socially conscious person. This definitely boosts my self-confidence and motivates me to pursue further growth in my life. I appreciate so much that the donor valued my hard work and best effort. No amount of thanks is enough for this kind of support.”

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Lorne Larson (left) presenting Rotary Club Literacy Bursary to Shukria Saifi, student at Bow Valley College, at the CEFL Awards Ceremony on March 16, 2017

"I was born in Afghanistan in a wonderful family.

I am a helpful person with a wonderful heart. I

cannot say no to anyone because I cannot see

people sad. I always try to be positive with my

family and friends and I am a very social person. It's been almost two years that I am studying at

Bow Valley College. I finished high school back home and took some English courses as well that

helps me a lot here in Canada. My husband and I came to Canada in 2014 and I accept Canada as

my second homeland. My goal is to finish high school diploma and continue for Practical Nurse

Diploma Program here at Bow Valley College. During my studies here I discovered that I can reach

my goals and also I can show that every woman has power to do something for herself and to do

anything she wants, because in Afghanistan women are always under pressure. I am so happy and

thankful to be in Canada!"

THANK YOU!

"I want to say thank you for this award. It means a lot to me!

It helps me financially and also encourages me to study hard, to be a great student in the class and to reach my career goal. I am really thankful."

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THANK YOU!

"I would like to say thank you to my donor. This award means a lot to me. Thank You so much!"



Lorne Larson (left) presenting Rotary Club Literacy Bursary to Lauren Vasseur, student at Bow Valley College, at the CEFL Awards Ceremony on March 16, 2017

"I am from Calgary and I was adopted at birth by the very best parents a person could hope for. Two years ago I also adopted six fish and a frog and currently I have three freshwater fish tank up and running.

What brought me to Bow Valley College was a strong desire to get out of retail. I spent the last few years in various retail/customer service

positions before deciding I want to do more than manage a mall cart for the rest of my life. This led me to Bow Valley College to get my diploma and I am planning to go to university after, possibly med school."

