



WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

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2020 ATHENA Scholarship Recipients

“What is honoured in a country will be cultivated there.”—Plato

(WINDSOR, ON) The ATHENA Scholarship Fund (Windsor) and the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce that this year’s ATHENA Scholarship recipients are Tara Chan, Paige Coyne, Celina DeBiasio and Sierra Scott-Kilgo. Please join us in extending our congratulations!

A note on this year’s luncheon: Out of an abundance of caution, as the COVID-19 pandemic remains an ongoing safety concern in our community, the 2020 ATHENA Scholarship Luncheon will be postponed and held in combination with the 2021 luncheon on **Thursday, November 18, 2021 at St. Clair College Centre for the Arts**. The 2020 recipients, along with their families and guests, will be invited to join and be recognized at the 2021 luncheon, while they will be provided with their scholarship cheques as scheduled this year. University of Windsor Chancellor, Mary Jo Haddad is confirmed as the 2020/2021 guest speaker.

Tara Chan has maintained a solid academic record while passionately helping others in the community in various leadership and mentorship roles. In 2014, she graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. This year, she completed her combined Law (JD) and MBA degree at the Faculty of Law, University of Windsor. Tara’s mentorship activities include her involvement in the peer-mentorship program at the University of Windsor Law School. Her community involvement includes volunteering as a litigator with Community Legal Aid and as a deputy divisional superintendent with St. John Ambulance. Tara intends to pursue a career as an employment lawyer. She is committed to serving her community while representing the values of ATHENA that reflect gender and visible minorities.

Paige Coyne excels academically while serving as a student leader and mentor. She received her Bachelor of Human Kinetics (Honours) in 2017 and her Master of Human Kinetics in 2019 from the University of Windsor. She is currently a PhD candidate in kinesiology at the University of Windsor. Her passion to make a difference in the lives of women includes her as a Board Member of Leadership Advancement for Women in Sport (LAWS) at the University of Windsor. She also contributes to improving the confidence and self-image of female students with her involvement in Girls in Motion event, Healthy Kids Community Challenge and Windsor’s Fitspirit Celebration. Paige aspires to become a college/university professor and focus on community based projects research.

Celina DeBiasio, has maintained academic excellence as an advocate for women’s health. She graduated from the University of Windsor in 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (Honours Biochemistry with Great Distinction). Celina recently completed her second year in the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) program at the University of Ottawa. Her leadership and community

involvement include her role as co-founder and co-leader of the Ottawa Chapter of the Student-Senior Isolation Prevention Partnership to reduce social isolation of Ottawa seniors. Celina is a student mentor and student leader of the Vertical Mentorship Group at the University of Ottawa. Her commitment to diversity includes membership in the Indigenous Health Interest Group and Women's Health Interest Group in Ottawa. Celina is looking forward to a career as a health care provider and making a positive impact on her community.

Sierra Scott-Kilgo combines outstanding academic excellence with a passion for creating positive change in her community and helping women overcome barriers. She recently obtained her Diploma of Business Administration-Finance at St. Clair College, Windsor. Sierra is the 2019/2020 President of Enactus St. Clair College whose mission is to solve community issues through social entrepreneurship. Sierra is also an active member of the Women of Windsor Mentorship Collaborative and current intern executive director promoting diversity through mentorship. She was awarded the 2020 HSBC Women Entrepreneurial Leader of the Year Award. Sierra would like to pursue a career in marketing and branding. Sierra exemplifies the ATHENA Leadership Model as a passionate advocate for women and community outreach.

Selection criteria for ATHENA Scholarship Program includes academic excellence; enhancement of the quality of life in the community; mentoring others; leadership and team building; and diversity. The scholarships are valued at \$5,000 each. The ATHENA Scholarship Program is a "*Made in Canada*" initiative. New this year is an additional \$5,000 scholarship in honour of Loretta Stoyka, President of the ATHENA Scholarship Fund (Windsor) for a student of the Faculty of Law, University of Windsor.

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