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Students Show Their Community Passion during Annual Scholarship Program

June 20, 2013 - Island students are committed to their communities—if Coastal Community's Scholarship applications are any measure.

Coastal Community's Scholarship Program asks that a community improvement project idea accompany the students' applications. This year's ideas included a multiculturalism photo contest, making tie-dyed pillows for disadvantaged youth, and planting a community "edible forest."

As part of the 2013 Program, eight local students were awarded Coastal Community scholarships based on their project ideas, while two among this group will be given additional funds to implement their community projects.

Brandon Wilcox, a student at Campbell River's Robron Centre, is one of the students receiving funding to make his community project a reality. Brandon's project focuses on building a community garden for the elders and youth in the Campbell River Indian Band. The aspiring welder sees the garden as having many benefits, including opportunities for intergenerational socialization, community sharing, and a place for at-risk youth to meet and learn. As a student of the Laichwiltach Learning Program, Brandon gained the necessary skills for building and maintaining a sustainable garden—expertise he's eager to transfer to his community project.

Kennedy Baker, a student at Nanaimo's Dover Bay Secondary, is also receiving project funding. Kennedy's project involves organizing a summertime event that would see dinner and entertainment being provided to those in Nanaimo struggling with poverty, homelessness or mental illness. An avid learner and star student, Kennedy hopes to pursue a psychology degree at UVIC or VIU in the fall.

Coastal Community invites you to learn more about Brandon's and Kennedy's projects through our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages, where real-time updates, photos and progress reports will be shared.

Supporting youth and education is an important community need, as indicated by Coastal Community members and clients in a recent survey. Coastal Community agrees—our youth are our future, and they deserve our support. Since its launch in 2005, Coastal Community's popular Scholarship Program has awarded tens of thousands of educational dollars to students across Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. It has also enabled over a dozen students to make a meaningful and lasting difference in their communities through their projects. Along with our partnerships with the Young Entrepreneur Program, YES Camp, and Success By Six, the Scholarship Program is another way for us to make a positive impact in the lives of Island youth.

Coastal Community would like to thank this year's applicants and wish them success in their future endeavors. Information on the 2014 program will be available online at www.cccu.ca in January, 2014.

Congratulations to the 2013 Coastal Community Scholarship Award Recipients:

Kennedy Baker, *Dover Bay Secondary, Nanaimo*

Georgia Barron, *Woodlands Secondary School, Nanaimo*

David Boyd, *St. Andrew's Regional High School, Victoria*

Marissa Boyle, *Carihi Secondary School, Campbell River*

Miranda Oliwa, *Ucluelet Secondary School, Ucluelet*

Angie (Yixin) Qu, *Mount Doug Secondary School, Victoria*

Shayla Soprocelle Tate, *Carihi Secondary School, Campbell River*

Brandon Wilcox, *Robron Centre, Campbell River*

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