

2021 SAASE Scholarship Recipients



Rochelle Wright - nominated by the Vanscoy Agricultural Society.

Rochelle is attending the University of Saskatchewan in the Music Program - working towards a Bachelor of Music degree. She is also planning on completing a second degree in Kinesiology. Her long term goal is to work on local and provincial programming to improve and expand health services and educational opportunities to better incorporate music and sport. By engaging others in positive social environments and activities such as music and physical activity, she hopes to offer new coping mechanisms and help others reach their health goals.

Rochelle was very active throughout her time at Delisle Composite School. Her extra-curricular sports included cross-country running, track and field, badminton and soccer. She competed at the district and provincial levels with both the cross country team and track and field. Other extra curricular activities included school concerts, brass and jazz bands, handbell choir and drama/improv group. She performed at school assemblies, holi-

day events and community gatherings. In addition to participating, Rochelle also volunteered at the Delisle Elementary School Fun Night Fundraiser, her school's track and field and the Student Leadership Council.

Her special activities, interests and hobbies are many and include continuing with her music. She plays piano and trumpet - playing in various community concert groups and jazz bands in the Delisle, Vanscoy and Saskatoon area. She has also competed provincially and placed first in the Colin Gruent Memorial Intermediate Brass Class at Provincial Music Festival in 2018 and 2019. From 2013 - 2020 she was a member of the Vanscoy and Delisle Archery Clubs and competed in the Provincial Junior Olympic Competition in Prince Albert. She has participated in the Melita Summer Theatre Camp. Rochelle has competed in the Saskatchewan Marathon since 2017 - placing first in her age category each year she competed. Recently she has joined the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

In addition to all of her special interests and extra-curricular activities, Rochelle has spent a great deal of time volunteering for numerous community groups. She has volunteered with the Vanscoy and District Agricultural



Society - just completing a three year term as President (2017-2020). During that time she assisted in the planning and running of many community events including the Turkey Bingo, Perennial Exchange and Annual Community Fair. She is also a member of the Vanscoy Multiple 4H club where she has participated in public speaking competitions, judging competitions and youth leadership conferences. She has held various executive positions with the club and worked at many community fundraisers. With both the 4H Club and the Vanscoy Ag. Society she has helped set up, clean up and work community events including bingos, fall suppers, Christmas events - to name a few.

In addition to everything that Rochelle has done - she also found time to babysit over the years. SAASE would like to congratulate Rochelle on being one of this year's scholarship recipients.

Kolby Haynes - nominated by the Biggar Rec Valley Agricultural Society - Kerrobert Agricultural Society

Kolby is attending the University of Saskatchewan and enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources - working towards a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, with the goal of one day opening a business within agriculture.

Like many students the pandemic has made it very difficult for students to participate in many of the activities that normally would have. Kolby is no different. She has been very involved in many extra-curricular activities including playing for the Biggar Central School in the following sports - basketball, volleyball, football, badminton, track and field and cross country. In addition to competing she also volunteered at school sporting events helping out with scoring and refereeing. Kolby also used her involvement with 4 H as extra credit and academically was on the school honor roll for 7 years.

In addition to her extra-curricular activities, Kolby was very involved with her interests and hobbies outside of school. She has been very involved with the Monarch Multiple 4 H Club over the past 12 years.. In that time she has held numerous positions with the club including president, vice president and treasurer. She completed projects in beef, light horse, outdoor adventure and canine. She was the Club public speaking representative to the districts for 3 years. Kolby has been a speaking volunteer at the regionals, as well as competing at the Prairieland Park Junior Ag Showcase as a beef competitor, as well as judge.

She has also volunteered delivering Meals on Wheels on behalf of the Monarch Multiples 4 H Club and has worked bingos in Battleford. Kolby has also volunteered in Biggar's community parks - helping out with spring cleanup and maintenance. Kolby has volunteered for many years with the Biggar Agricultural Society on Country Fairs Days - helping out wherever she could.

Other special interests and hobbies include playing minor hockey in Battleford, Biggar and Elrose, as well as working as both a linesman and referee. She played minor baseball for 13 years in Biggar and soccer for 3.

It is hard to believe that with everything that Kolby has done - that she had time to work. In addition to working 5 years as a hockey official she also mowed lawns for seniors in her community and worked swathing and baling hay for neighbours. She also was self employed - working 2 years purchasing feeder calves in the spring and selling them in the fall, and for 5 years raised a small herd of commercial and pure bred cattle.

Congratulations to Kolby on being one of this year's SAASE scholarship recipients.

Lynka Itogawa - nominated by the Stoughton Agricultural Society

Lynka is attending the University of Saskatchewan and is enrolled in Animal Science - working towards a Bachelor of Science in animal Science. Upon completion she will enter the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program - becoming a Veterinarian - working with large animals.

Lynka was very involved with extra-curricular activities throughout her career at Stoughton Central School. She played volleyball and basketball, as well as helping out with various school activities including tournaments and fundraisers. She has been very involved with music - having taken piano lessons over the past twelve years. She also plays the guitar and ukulele. She has won trophies and scholarships each year at the Redvers Music Festival and began teaching piano lessons a couple of years ago.

In addition to music another of Lynka's passions are horses.. In addition to training them, she also competes in team rodeo events and barrel racing.

Lynka lives on a cattle ranch north of Stoughton and works with her dad helping out with the daily chores, as well as other operations of the ranch. Lynka is part of a first generation immigrant family and has kept her feet planted in both her native Japan and in her new home in Canada. She fluently maintains Japanese and English languages while juggling the differences in culture and traditions.

As well as working on the family ranch, she has worked as a ranch hand - she trains horses - teaches piano and recently worked at the Carlyle A & W. She has also helped out as a volunteer at the Stoughton Vet Clinic. Congratulations to Lynka on being one of this year's scholarship recipients.





Shaelyn Richter - nominated by the Broadview Agricultural Society

Shaelyn is attending the University of Saskatchewan - college of Agriculture and Bioresources - majoring in either Agronomy or Soil Science. Ultimately she wants to work successfully within the agricultural industry working along side her family or farming on her own using the latest in farming technology.

Shaelyn was involved with many extra-curricular activities at Broadview School. She was on the Student Leadership Council - she has also attended WE DAY as a representative for her school. Shaelyn has helped organize, as well as work the school's annual Tele Miracle fundraiser. She also helped out with the Buddy Bandit mentoring program at the Broadview School for younger students. Shaelyn is passionate about drama and has taken on both lead and supporting actor roles. She was also part of the school band - travelling on trips outside the province - including England. Shaelyn was also on the school Honour Roll over the past four years.

Shaelyn also competed in and volunteered in school athletics. She was very active in track and field - shotput, javelin and discus. She played for the school volleyball team and volunteered as linesmen and scorekeeper for volleyball, as well as scorekeeper and videographer for the Bandits football team.

As well as being very active at school - Shaelyn was very active out of school. She was part of the Esterhazy Storm 16U volleyball team - winning gold at provincials and attending the nationals. She was part of the Grenfell Dance Club for 10 years - dancing Tap, Ballet, Contemporary and Hip Hop - she attended many dance competitions, recitals and conventions.

Shaelyn's interests and hobbies include snowmobiling with her family, camping and boating, working on the family farm and spending time with friends.

In addition to her extra-curricular activities, Shaelyn was also very busy volunteering within her community. She has been volunteering with the Broadview Snowbusters Snowmobile Club for the past 6 years and has taken on the roll of Vice President. She has helped out marking the trail system, as well as fundraisers for the club. She volunteers every year at the Broadview Community Fall Supper, as well as at the community craft show. She also helped organize an "Adopt a Window" event in which murals were painted on the windows of the Care Home.

As far as jobs are concerned - Shaelyn worked on the family farm since she was 13 - rock picking, rolling fields, swathing, combining, as well as hauling grain. She has also worked at the Legacy Inn in Grenfell and the Sunset Beach convenience Store at Crooked Lake. Congratulations to Shaelyn on being one of this year's SAASE scholarship recipients.