



President's Message

I am pleased to share with you our latest Foundation's news this fall.

I am delighted to announce that for the academic year 2019-2020, Westland anticipates awarding over 240 students with scholarships totalling more than \$92,000. This year's disbursements will bring our awards to over 1,000 scholarships totalling more than \$553,500 since 2009. This impressive scholarship growth would not have been possible without your charitable giving. Thank you very much for your support!

Please join me in welcoming each of our new scholars for this academic year. We will be highlighting three of them in this issue.

Before sharing with you our Westland news, I would first like to thank everyone for the success of our 2019 Breakfast. Because of your generous contributions, Westland donated the Breakfast's net return of \$34,000 to our Education Fund at Red River College. We will take a look back at this exceptional morning.

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Receiving of the \$34,000 donation: (L-R) RRC's Aileen Najduch with Beverley Harasymuk and John Prystanski



Meet the Westland Scholars



Hope Shappee is a St. John's High School graduate. She became aware of the Westland Foundation scholarship at her graduation ceremony in June 2019. Hope thanks Westland for the scholarship she received in fall.

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Meet the Westland Scholars



Asher Wood feels honoured to be a Westland Foundation Scholar. A graduate of St. John's High School, his goal is to complete a business degree at the University of Manitoba. Asher wants to translate this degree into a career and hopes to find the joy of working in his chosen field.

Asher greatly appreciates the scholarship he received this past fall. He says, "It's a financial relief. It keeps me motivated to push myself and hold myself to a higher standard."

Asher shares that it is quite challenging to manage a busy lifestyle with the added financial pressure of university education. Despite the challenges, he still believes in the value of having a higher level of education. He encourages inner-Winnipeg students to never give up on their university dream and encourages them to work hard for their goals in order to live up to their full potential.



Louanne Macaraig graduated from Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute in June 2019. Currently enrolled in the Faculty of Education at the University of Winnipeg, Louanne intends to teach in an elementary or a middle school.

She knows that to get to where she wants to be, she must manage her time well. She has to learn to deal with the added stresses brought on by her course load as well as the expenses involved.

Louanne thanks Westland for the scholarship she received this past fall.

She says it helped lessen her stress and motivated her to study harder.

She believes in the value of both hard work and persistence. She says, "Good things don't always come easy. Even if life gets harder, life will always get better."

Louanne wants to be involved and volunteer more in our community. She signed up as a Westland volunteer as soon as she knew of her scholarship.

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She never thought she would be studying in College nor of having an award as a result of her hard work. It helped her pay part of her tuition fees for the legal assistant course at Red River College.

She says, "Because of your support, I can attend a post-secondary school. I can now work towards my dream to be a civil litigator." She adds that her mother, a single parent, no longer must worry about her tuition fees because of the help she received through Westland.

Hope intends to integrate into the industry right after her studies. She wants to work as a legal assistant while preparing to enter law school.

She wishes to pay it forward by supporting Westland in the future. She believes that by helping Westland, she is helping ease the students and their parents' financial burdens.

Westland and Carbone Launch First Culinary Arts Scholarship

Benjamin Nasberg and John Prystanski



Westland sincerely thanks Carbone for its recently established partnership in support of inner-Winnipeg students' scholarships.

The partnership allows for an additional scholarship for Westland Scholars in the Red River College Culinary Arts program. It also allows for a contribution to the Westland Foundation Education Fund.

Carbone's president & CEO Benjamin Nasberg announced this partnership during Westland's 3rd Volunteer Appreciation Reception held on September 19, 2019.

Following the announcement, Westland and Carbone awarded the Culinary Arts scholarship to their first-ever scholar, Carmela Bianca Mayoralgo. Carmela's family joined her in receiving the award at a presentation event held at Carbone in St. Vital on November 6, 2019.

Benjamin says, "Our partnership with Westland is a match made in heaven. We found a natural fit with the Foundation's mission as we look for opportunities to give back to our community and support our future people, those with a passion for Culinary Arts."

More information about this partnership and the Westland-Carbone Culinary Arts scholarship is at [Westland's Sponsors' webpage](#).



(L-R) Andrei, Toni, Ana & Westland-Carbone Culinary Arts Scholar Carmela Bianca Mayoralgo with Benjamin Nasberg & John Prystanski

MEET WESTLAND'S FIRST INTERNS

Thank you to the University of Winnipeg – PACE for the partnership allowing us to be one of its internship sites starting in early 2019. As an internship site, we can host skilled and talented graduating PACE students. These students provide a full month of voluntary and unpaid professional service to the Foundation.

Thank you to our first interns for their valuable contributions to our various projects. We are delighted to present them to you and share with you their thoughts on their internship experience.



Name: Yemi Igbinyemi
Course: Project Management
Status: Employed
Employer: Scotiabank
Position: Small Business Advisor

Yemi greatly helped in our 2019 Fundraising Breakfast. He says that it is fulfilling to be part of the team raising funds for inner-Winnipeg students wanting to pursue their post-secondary education.

He adds, "The internship helped me in the area of team building and in responding to different stakeholders' requests. As a project manager, these are critical skills needed to succeed."

Yemi is a huge advocate of giving back to the community. After his internship, Yemi went further to volunteering with Westland and bringing in friends to volunteer with him. He says, "The Foundation is doing a phenomenal job with students. I want to stay connected with the Foundation's mission and support it whenever I can."



Name: Mandeep Kaur
Course: Strategic Communications, Public Relations, and Marketing
Status: Seeking employment

Mandeep is thankful for the opportunity to assist with the implementation of the communications plan of Westland's 3rd Volunteer Appreciation Reception. She says the internship allowed her to experience expanding her classroom learning to real-work situations.

She adds, "The internship provided me with the Canadian work experience and the Winnipeg connection that I need as an international student wanting to reside in Canada permanently. The internship will definitely be advantageous in my job search."

Finally, a big thank you to Yemi and Mandeep! We had an excellent time working and learning with the both of you. We wish you all of the best in your careers!

Westland is open for internship placement all year-round.

For more information, please email Marilyn Camaclang at info@westlandfoundation.ca.

3rd Volunteer Appreciation Reception



Westland Volunteer Yanique Brighton & Westland alumna Prabhleen Maingi



Red River College Westland Scholar Tommy Le



Westland Volunteer Rajeshwar Singh & Westland alumna Duyen Chau

Thank you to all our volunteers who came out for our 3rd annual Volunteer Appreciation held on September 19, 2019, at Red River College - Exchange District Campus.

We are indebted to Red River College for providing us with a spacious room and for all their event support. Thank you to Aileen Najdich, Executive Director for Community and Student Services, for welcoming us to RRC's beautiful facility.

Thank you to Josh Guenter, MLA for Borderland, for taking time to meet our Westland family and appreciate our volunteers' efforts. We hope to see you again at our future events.

We applaud our Westland Scholars alumni for their outstanding participation in this event. Thank you to Kassandra Ilag and Neill Juan for hosting the event and to alumnae Duyen Chau and Prabhleen Maingi for recognizing our volunteers and presenting them with certificates.

Also, we recognize Tommy Le, a Digital Media Design student at RRC for his invaluable participation. Thank you for honouring our volunteers on behalf of all our academic year 2019-2020 scholars.

Special thanks to Michelle Aitkenhead, RBC Royal Bank's Community Manager for Winnipeg North, for speaking on behalf of our honorees. We appreciate RBC for its volunteer contributions over a three year period. We look forward to your continued participation.

Lastly, we do not want to miss acknowledging our event sponsors. Thank you to RRC Professional Baking and Pastry students for the delicious chocolates, Carbone Cafe Club for the custom-made and tasty pizzas, and Carbone Cafe Club, The Loft Salon • Spa • Bar and Tiber River for delighting our guests with your special gifts.



Michelle Aitkenhead



Westland alumni Neill Juan & Kassandra Ilag with Marilyn Camaclang



Adam Smoluk & Beverley Harasymuk

PAST ACTIVITIES

2019 Fundraising Breakfast

Thank you to everyone for your outstanding contributions to the 2019 Westland Foundation Education Fund (WFEF) Breakfast, which was held on May 15, 2019, at the RBC Convention Centre.

Thank you to the over 200 guests who supported our 2019 Breakfast and to all our donors, sponsors, scholars, and volunteers for all your important part in making this Breakfast a major success.

Huge thanks to our 2019 Breakfast sponsors whose names are at Westland's [Sponsors'](#) webpage.



John Prystanski with His Worship Mayor Brian Bowman



(L-R) John Prystanski, Carol Bellringer, & 2019 Breakfast Sponsor Elba Haid with Stephan Lagasse



(L-R) Red River College scholars Kimberly Solis and Jessie Reyes, Marilyn Camaclang, Adam Smoluk, Gordon Bell student Feven Asfaha, & RRC's president & CEO Paul Vogt

Thank you to the media for their coverage of the 2019 Fundraising Breakfast:

Global News Morning | Volunteers from the Westland Foundation speak to Global News Morning | May 15

Winnipeg Free Press - The Metro | Scholar-to-be shares her story | Eva Wasney | May 24

CTV Morning Live | Westland Foundation Scholar | Nicole Dube | May 27

Pilipino Express | Kimberly Solis - Red River College Westland Foundation Scholar | Marilyn Camaclang | June 1

Pilipino Express | Westland breakfast supports scholarships | June 1

Winnipeg Free Press - Social Page | Westland Education Fund | Jason Halstead | June 22

PAST ACTIVITIES



Sisler High School students



Students at Project Pulse's Career Fair

2019 Career Fairs

Thank you for allowing us to get to Grade 10 to 12 students all information about the Westland Foundation scholarships:

R.B. Russell Vocational High School | April 24, 2019

Children of the Earth High School | April 24, 2019

Project Pulse | April 26, 2019

Sisler High School | May 8, 2019

We continue to look for opportunities to connect with our future scholars.

If you know of any speaking or presentation opportunities, please email Marilyn Camaclang at info@westlandfoundation.ca.



Children of the Earth High School's graduates with Marilyn Camaclang (L)



R.B. Russell Vocational High School's graduates with Westland alumna Kimberly Solis (R)

2019 Convocations

We are delighted to share with you that we increased our convocation participation from three schools last school year to six schools this school year.

Thank you to our honorary board members Elba Haid and MLA Dr. Jon Gerrard (represented by Shandi Strong); and our Westland alumni John Keith Simba and Kimberly Solis for taking the time to participate in the ceremonies on behalf of the Foundation.

Thank you to the following schools for allowing Westland to congratulate the students and their families on their milestone achievements:

Gordon Bell High School | June 25, 2019

Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute | June 26, 2019

Children of the Earth High School | June 26, 2019

R.B. Russell Vocational High School | June 26, 2019

St. John's High School | June 27, 2019

Technical Vocational High School | June 27, 2019

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I want to acknowledge our new partnerships that are assisting Westland to move forward its mission for inner-Winnipeg students.

Firstly, thank you to Carbone Restaurants for the partnership supporting Culinary Arts and WFEF scholarships. We will know more about this new partnership.

Secondly, thank you to the University of Winnipeg - PACE for providing us with interns. The interns assist in our Foundation activities. We will hear about their internship experience.

We successfully held our Volunteer Appreciation Reception on September 19, 2019. We will take a look at this special night in our volunteers' honour.

Lastly, we will take a look at our past and future activities.

All of these Westland developments and activities are driven by our mission, which is to raise funds for inner-Winnipeg students' higher education.

On behalf of our directors, scholars, and volunteers, thank you for helping us further our mission!

Your support is vital to our continued growth, and your generosity makes a significant difference to inner-Winnipeg students. We look forward to your continued support.

JOHN PRYSTANSKI

FUTURE ACTIVITIES



2019 Scholars' Reception's hosts Westland alumni Beruk Meshesha & Stephanie Decena

2nd Westland Scholars' Networking Event

All past and present Westland Scholars are invited to attend our next Scholars' networking event, which we will hold in February 2020.

Watch out for more details!



2019 Fundraising Breakfast's performers Sisler High School Jazz Combo with Deputy Mayor Markus Chambers (R)

NEW Fundraising Events

To continue improving our fundraising efforts, we will have significant changes to our annual fundraising events.

We will provide more information soon!



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