



## 2017 CPAC-Queen Financial Group Award (Grade 11)

**Recipient: Sarina Wong**



The recipient of this year's CPAC-Queen Financial Group Award is Sarina Wong.

Sarina is a Grade 12 student at the University of Toronto Schools. She has an average of 98% in Grade 11 and has demonstrated active community leadership.

Growing up as a Chinese-Canadian, Sarina noticed the underrepresentation of minority groups in influential positions and the media. She became a researcher at the University of Toronto to better understand the causes of this imbalance and the impact of factors like racism on her community. This research informed her understanding of how education and community support can be equalizers. Since then, Sarina has been working tirelessly to improve the accessibility of education. She raised \$5000 in funding for the Children's Aid Foundation educational programs for underprivileged children. As DECA Ontario's Branding and Communication Officer, she runs educational events and created a textbook to facilitate training for 15,000+ students in Canada's largest youth business organization. At school, she mentored her school's mock trial team, drawing on her experience as an internationally-ranked competitor. She also aims to strengthen her community through increased youth engagement as Creative Coordinator of Project 5K.

Sarina has demonstrated exceptional ability in all that she does. Her leadership skills and passion for social justice will serve her and the community well. Her competence, willingness to learn and enthusiasm in working with others lead us to believe that she will continue to be a leader in the future.

Please join me in congratulating **Sarina Wong** as the 2017 CPAC-Queen's Financial Group Grade 11 Award recipient.