



2017 CPAC Trailblazer Scholarship

Recipient: Aidan Brushett



Aidan Brushett completed Grade 11 at Anderson Collegiate Vocational Institute in 2017 with an overall average of 96% and was the top overall student at his school in 2016.

He has led several meaningful projects including

- Ride for Hope, the first ever 200 km bike marathon to raise money for educational initiatives in Peru which he created when he was only 13 to help at-risk girls and victims of human trafficking with the charity, Learning with Hope.
- Recently, he organized a concert series to raise funds for Rohingya people in Myanmar affected by the ongoing refugee crisis. In recognition of his humanitarian leadership, Aidan was selected to be a delegate at the Youth Assembly at the United Nations with 1000 youth from around the world this February.

Aidan's greatest passion however is nature. He joined the Ontario Nature Youth Council and was inspired to found his school's first EcoTeam. As president, he has coordinated successful campaigns on climate change and sustainable lifestyle. His EcoTeam's unique pollinator campaign gained special recognition from Bee City Canada and became the first school in Canada to be Bee City designated.

Pleased with the change at his school, Aidan set his sights into the community. Last February, he spearheaded a project to make the Town of Whitby an official Bee City. Through countless letters, speeches, and meetings, he successfully advocated for the municipality to create a permanent resolution detailing new pollinator conservation efforts, including biodiversity gardens, sustainable policy changes, and public workshops. Whitby has been declared the tenth--and one of the largest--'Bee Cities' in all of Canada. In conjunction with this initiative, he also organized a community pollinator garden planting, engaging over 30 volunteers to plant 400 native plants on the Lake Ontario waterfront.





Aidan firmly believes that young people have a unique ability to make their voices heard to promote positive, collaborative change in their communities, and strives to share this dream with others.

Please join me in congratulating **Aidan Brushett**, CPAC's 2017 Trailblazer Scholarship Recipient for his academic excellence, humanitarian impact and environmental leadership.

