

Major Convocation Award Descriptions and Criteria

Joan Baker:

Joan Baker was a parent, a volunteer, a Home & School member and she eventually became the Community Office coordinator at LPHS. Joan was responsible for the peer tutoring program, mentoring program, grad leaf raking, the Terry Fox run, Senior Citizen visits, Convocation, and many more community and volunteer activities throughout the school. There was very little Joan Baker was not involved with in Lindsay Place day-to-day life. Joan retired in 2010 to pursue her love of travel, however she still offers her time and expertise to LPHS this day.

This award is granted to someone who is compassionate and caring and has shown outstanding leadership qualities, dependability and commitment to our school.

Peter Bolle Alumni Award:

This award is given to a student who best exemplifies the quality of school spirit in honour of Peter Bolle, president of the Alumni.

In 2010, a small group of Lindsay Place alumni met to discuss the organization of the Lindsay Place High School Fiftieth Anniversary to be held in October, 2012. Organizing the reunion was upmost in the committee members' minds but one of the main goals was for the alumni to leave a legacy. Peter Bolle, who graduated in 1980, had already started this legacy in 2005 when he sought permission to create an Alumni Scholarship for a graduating student. In 2010, along with help from Mr. Peter Nauth, the Foundation was created to raise funds for Lindsay Place High School and its students. Their commitment to the school involves (1) providing funds to cover tutorial costs for several students, (2) undertaking a major project each year and (3) providing scholarships for three graduating students.

Hudson Clowater

Hudson Clowater was the first principal to lead Lindsay Place High School. He was very fortunate in being able to handpick his entire staff. During his years as principal, Lindsay Place students followed very strict rules – a specific dress code, walking up and down the staircase on designated sides. Under his guidance, Lindsay Place High School, which provided instruction from grade 8 to grade 12, was selected as one of the top twenty high schools across Canada. This award is given to a student to recognize excellence in English.

Gerry Danovitch: Music Award:

Gerry Danovitch was one of the world's great classical sax players. A great, friendly guy, with a generous soul, he unfortunately passed away from pancreatic cancer in December 1997.

He would often come to Lindsay Place to work Gratis with our students.

He was a true Virtuoso and a professor of saxophone studies at McGill and in 1968 initiated a jazz studies program at the university. His family wanted to help honour his lifetime cause of music education by establishing this award which is given to recognize excellence in Étude Band Music.

Al Darlington

Al Darlington taught most of his career at Lindsay Place High School. He was a fixture in the Tech-Voc department, mainly teaching woodworking. Al spent countless hours after school working with students constructing the stage props for the school's musicals. Al Darlington passed away around 2000. This award is given annually to a member of the school musical for technical merit.

Dylan Ford:

Dylan was a former student at LPHS who loved Art and was a well-known graffiti artist. At the age of 17, Dylan and 2 other teenagers were tragically struck and killed by a train on October of 2010. This award is given in his name to a student who is pursuing post-secondary education in Fine Arts.

Governing Board Awards- renamed "Bill Holt" scholarship.

Otis Grant

Otis Grant is a retired Canadian boxer. As an amateur he won a silver medal for Canada at the 1987 Pan American games. He is a two-time North American Boxing Federation (NABF) middleweight title holder, as well as recognized for being the first black Quebecer to win a WBO championship. Grant studied at Concordia University and earned a BA in recreation and leisure studies. In June 1999, Otis Grant was involved in a dangerous car collision. Grant, who was the driver of the car, swerved to avoid an oncoming vehicle to avoid contact for the passengers, and took the car's full impact on the driver's side. The passengers, including his then 6-year-old daughter, were rushed to the emergency room and were virtually unscathed except for Otis, who slipped into a coma for seven days. This accident came only six months after vacating his WBO (World Boxing Organization) title belt. Once reviewed by doctors, Grant was essentially told he would never be able to return to the ring. Despite this, he made his official comeback in 2003, earning a unanimous decision victory over the former world champion.

After being approached by an organization to loan his name for charity, Grant became convinced to use his name to aid the needy. Thus, the Otis Grant & Friends foundation was created. The non-profit charity, established in 1999, was initially formed to aid hunger, poverty and sicknesses within the community. The organization has grown generously, now donating food, clothes and medicine to communities all across Canada. In addition to this, the organization sends children, of families who can't afford it, to summer camps, gives aid to special needs students at the high school level, as well as providing scholarships to graduating high school students who plan on post-secondary studies. Otis Grant also worked as a teacher's assistant and counselor for special needs students at Lindsay Place High School. This award is presented to a student who best exemplifies the qualities of dedication, perseverance and integrity in athletic, academic, and community service endeavors.

Andres Gutmanis

In the early 1980's music resurfaced at Lindsay Place High School. Andres Gutmanis and George Doxas resurrected the music program, with Andres teaching stringed instruments and putting Lindsay Place on the map in this area. He was a gifted teacher who unfortunately passed away as a result of a cycling accident in 2002. This award is given for excellence in the strings program.

Doug Hicks

Doug Hicks arrived at Lindsay Place High School in 1964 and assumed the department head role. During his twenty year teaching stint at Lindsay Place High School, Doug Hicks created one of the most extensive extracurricular athletic programs in Quebec. Doug Hicks was very active as a coach, coaching football, wrestling and volleyball. In 1975 he applied to the Ministry of Education and received a certification of leadership program in physical education, which was adopted by the Lakeshore School Board. This award, sponsored by the Alumni Foundation, recognizes experience and leadership in athletics.

Bill Holt:

Bill Holt was an LPHS English teacher for many years. He taught, coached basketball and even wrote a History book. All royalties for his book are donated back to LPHS and used to sponsor students and provide tutoring. He continues to give generously to help students not only financially but tutors and volunteers his time to many events. He is on the Alumni Board of Directors, he sits on Governing Board and is a mentor to our coaches and staff. He is well respected, reliable and wise.

Home & School Awards:

Generously sponsored by our Home & School Association, these 2 awards are given to students who have made significant contributions to the school and have had positive impact on their fellow students. The Home & School Association has been an active part of LPHS since 1963.

Judge Lindsay Place:

Judge Lindsay Place was a municipal judge in Pointe-Claire and Beaconsfield, volunteered his time as a commissioner with the school board in Pointe-Claire and Beaconsfield and within 5 years in 1941, he became chairman of the Board until 1967 when his health forced him to resign. He was the driving force behind the formation of the Lakeshore School Board, serving his community as President of the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards, and as executive of the downtown YMCA, among other accomplishments.

We are proud to have our school name represented by such a fiercely generous and community-oriented man. This award is sponsored by our Alumni Foundation and is given to a student who is generous & community oriented and has contributed to school life and the community.

Charlie King

Charlie King was a photographer for over 50 years. He published a book with his works in the early nineties called Charlie King's Montreal-50 Years of Photos-1942 to 1992. Charlie was a dedicated volunteer and was a member of the Lakeshore Kiwanis club for many years. He was committed to working with kids and the community. He passed away in the late 90's and Lindsay Place dedicated this bursary to him through the generous support of the Kiwanis Club. It is given to a student who is generous with community service.

Lester B. Pearson School Board medals:

These medals are awarded to the students with the three highest overall academic averages and are available in Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Lieutenant Governor's Award (Medal):

Awarded for academic achievement, personal and social commitment and community involvement. This medal is presented by the Lieutenant Governor at a separate ceremony.

Lindsay Place School Council Awards:

Given to a student who has performed well academically, but also made significant and continual contributions to the school

Royal Canadian Legion Bursary:

Available to student whose parent or grand-parent are/were a Veteran of the Military.

Fran Lowry

Fran Lowry believed strongly in family values and the education system. She was very active in her neighborhood schools' (Valois Park Elementary and Lindsay Place High School) Home & School Associations, serving as member for many years and eventually accepted the responsibility of chairperson. Also, Fran was very active in her church.

Unfortunately, in 1986; Fran succumbed to cancer at the young age of forty-one. The members of the Home & School honored Fran's contributions and her memory by creating the Fran Lowry Award which is presented by the Lindsay Place Home & School Association to the graduating student that best exemplifies her qualities in service to school and community.

McGill Awards: McGill University is an internationally recognized leading University in Science, Engineering and Health Sciences.

McGill Science Award is presented to a graduating student for outstanding achievement in **Sciences** and was created to encourage students to continue their education in these fields. They receive a McGill Award of Excellence and a \$500 tuition credit and letter of congratulations signed by the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill.

McGill Social Science Award is presented to a graduating student for outstanding achievement in the **Social Sciences**. Students receive a McGill Award of Excellence and a \$500 tuition credit and letter of congratulations signed by the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill.

Mary Machin:

Mary Machin came to teach strings at LPHS when George Doxas started the string program. At that time they had a brigade of senior citizens volunteering their time to work with kids. The kids loved it. It was like having grandparents, Mary was in her early 70's, was a remarkable woman, a quiet but firm feminist, and worked at LPHS for about 7 years. She was a violinist and was one of the founders of the Vancouver woman's Orchestra. She was not a professional musician but supported music study for the greater good of education. This award recognizes excellence in music and a desire to continue studies in music.

Jim MacKinnon

Jim MacKinnon was Lindsay Place's longest serving principal (14 years). Under his leadership, Lindsay Place High School became the flagship of the Pearson School Board. Jim worked diligently and collaboratively with his staff to create programs and activities that profoundly affected Lindsay Place's students. After retiring, he went on to mentor young teachers through the LBPSB school board. The Lindsay Place auditorium was renamed the Jim MacKinnon auditorium in his honour. This major LPHS award is presented to the student who best exemplifies the spirit of respect, caring and empathy while working diligently and collaboratively with others to attain a goal. Though not necessarily in the spotlight, this student always acts in a dignified manner and their dedication and determination have positively impacted his/her peers and teachers.

Margaret Manson:

For many years, Margaret Manson participated in the education of people in our region as a teacher, a principal, a consultant, and a commissioner. She was dedicated to the principle that:

Every person can learn.

Every person deserves the right to learn.

She applied it to everything she did during her illustrious career as an educator. She worked to empower schools to integrate students with special needs into the life of their school and to prepare them for a full and rich life in society. She championed teamwork, matching learning styles and teaching styles, and life-long learning for all.

This award is given to a graduating student who has dealt with challenges in his or her life yet has fared well academically and contributed to the school and/or the community as a recognition for perseverance.

Tara Manning:

Tara Manning was a grade nine student at Lindsay Place high school in 1994 when she was brutally murdered.

A 17 year old man broke into the Manning's house through the back door and raped and smothered 15 year old Tara Manning with her pillow after which he stabbed her 51 times in the chest and upper body.

Her father, Michael Manning is the man who convinced Canada's parliament to pass a law giving police the right to test every suspect's DNA upon arrest for a capital crime because Tara's murderer was about to be set free under a technicality..

Only a few months after his 15 year-old daughter was brutally raped and killed in her own bed, Canada's Parliament unanimously accepted Bill C-104 after which compulsory DNA tests for accused suspects in a capital crime became the law of the land. In the name of his family and of his murdered daughter, Michael Manning thanked Parliament from the visitors' gallery. When the speaker rose to accept Manning's thanks, the speaker inferred Manning was recognized and as of that time, he is still the only visitor to Parliament to have ever been officially recognized by its Speaker. Following the Speaker's cue, the rest of parliament rose to applaud the man and his efforts.

Since 1995, Lindsay Place High School has proudly given an award to a graduating student who has exhibited generosity of spirit, compassion and good deeds. Mr. Manning comes to the convocation ceremony to personally present the award.

Hazel McFadden:

Hazel McFadden worked as a secretary in the front office, mainly responsible for keeping track of our financial records. Hazel always had time for everyone who came to her desk, student or teacher. Hazel also helped with the school musicals, dealing with the many financial transactions. Hazel succumbed to cancer just months after she retired. This award is presented to students for outstanding dedication and participation in the school Musical.

Pearson Teachers Union Award:

This award is given to an all-around good student who has made contributions to the school and the community (often with a family member in the PTU)

Pointe Claire Old Timers:

This award is given to a student in need of financial assistance to pursue post-secondary education. Merit is based on leadership, citizenship, participation and academics.

Chuck Poirier

Chuck Poirier taught physical education for over twenty years at Lindsay Place High School. He was the consummate coach, coaching football, basketball and rugby. Chuck was also highly respected for the hours he spent supervising the cafeteria and donating the money to cover some of the costs of fielding a football team. This graduation award is presented to the "most dedicated" athlete.

Gordon Robertson

Gordon Robertson was a member of the first LPHS Home and School Association in 1962. He continued as an active member of the Home & School until he passed away at age 86. In the late 1980's Lindsay Place High School honoured Gordon by renaming its **Outstanding Citizenship Trophy** "The Gordon Robertson Citizenship Award", one of our most prestigious Convocation awards. Gordon Robertson was an important member of the committee that created Lindsay Place High School's Charter of Rights and Responsibilities.. He was a dynamic individual, and the Lindsay Place community truly benefited from his efforts over many, many years. Mr. Robertson once said "every citizen has the responsibility to be actively involved in his/her community, however, only special citizens have the ability to respond to the community's needs." The LBPSB vocational training school, the Gordon Robertson Beauty Academy (GRBA) is a career training centre for students who want to explore the world of Esthetics, Hairdressing or Electrolysis.

Glen Sampson:

This award is given for best character creation and performance in the school musical.

Glen Sampson was a student at Lindsay Place in the early sixties. He was a member of the drama club and performed in several plays. He passed away after graduating from Lindsay Place and his memory was honoured with the Glen Sampson Award for Drama in 1966.

Estelle Saunders

Estelle Saunders was on Lindsay Place High School's original staff in 1962. She became the department head of social studies, mentoring many young teachers over the years. Estelle was also very active supervising the Students' Council. She was considered a consummate professional by her peers. This award is presented to an outstanding student in History and a desire to continue studies in this field.

Frank & Jocelyn Toope Remembrance Scholarship.

75 year old retired minister Rev. Frank Toope and his 70-year-old wife Jocelyn, were universally described as being kind and gentle old folk who were bludgeoned to death in Montreal's West Island, becoming one of the worst crimes in Montreal in the 1990s. The beating murder was committed in the early morning of April 2, 1995 by three teenagers aged 13, 14 and 15 high on drugs.

This LPHS award is given to a graduating student who is a contributing member of our school community to acknowledge strength of character and personal growth, (often students who have experienced difficulty or have overcome obstacles are recognized with this award.)

Ken Trickey:

This English Award recognizes high academic standing and contributions in class. Mr. Kenneth Trickey joined the Lindsay Place staff in 1968, teaching English and history to grade twelve students. Since 1972, he taught exclusively in the English Department in Cycle 2. Mr. Trickey provided counseling services for all students who approached him. In December, 1979, Mr. Trickey passed away. In his memory, the staff created the Ken Trickey English Award.

West Island YMCA Award:

This award is given to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to community service through volunteer work within the school or in the community at large.

“Wings to fly” – Sponsored by the Pearson Association of School Administrators (PASA) :

This award is given to a student who has demonstrated good citizenship and has made a consistent significant contribution of a voluntary nature to the school.

WILBA: West Island Lakers Basketball Association:

This award is available to a student who is a member of the W.I. Lakers team as well as the school basketball team.

The Zonta Club of Montreal : Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs Award:

The award recognizes young women who represent the promise of the future for women.

Women are greatly under-represented in key decision-making positions around the world and to remedy this situation Zonta International launched the Young Women in Public Affairs Award in 1990 to encourage students in secondary schools to become aware of public policy in their communities. They hope to inspire exceptional young women to become involved in community service and to seek leadership positions in the public and political arenas.