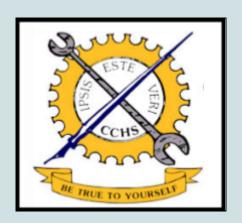
Welcome to

AWARDS NIGHT 2022-23 School Year







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The story of us: WHO WE WERE

The Camrose community has faced a lot of challenges since its inception as a town on December 11, 1906. But equal to the challenges presented by life, Camrose has been shaped by ideals, hard work, toil, risks and tireless hours serving and caring for families, friends and neighbours during the tough times.

Originally, in the 1920s, Camrose High School was called "Normal School." The original school building structure still stands where it was constructed and is now home to Rosehaven. It is where high school offered subjects like history, latin, trigonometry, calculus and the classics of English literature. It is a distant memory when one considers the subjects of today: robotics, computer coding and technology, psychology, sociology and math, social studies, science and English.

Though the last 116 years have seen many changes and transformations, one constant has remained-Camrose is a city characterized by generosity, and by those who reach out to help others. The pioneers who settled here were people who cherished education, who sought ways to build a future that valued new beginnings, without sacrificing timeless traditions. Interestingly enough, over 100 years ago, Camrose was in the midst of a terrible flu pandemic that tested the resilience of virtually every family in the town. The strength to get through that terrible time, along with witnessing two world wars and the great depression, made that generation's legacy great. Camrose Lutheran College (now University of Alberta Augustana campus), was one of the first structures built when Camrose was incorporated into a town. Our ancestors understood that learning is the answer to many of life's challenges. Education gives hope and lifts people up, education is healing, redemptive and most of all, education is a way to bring new vision into the world. Camrose Composite High School and tonight's special ceremony is truly a product of our community's ideals.

The names of donors in this brochure are familiar to members of the awards committee, but are perhaps less well known to the Camrose community as a whole. We want to share their stories and their legacies to acknowledge their very special contributions to make us one of the most generous schools in Alberta.

The Myginds (Battle River Community Foundation)

The Myginds came to Camrose from Denmark in the 1950s. While on a working honeymoon they found themselves in Donalda, they worked and eventually bought a home east of Camrose. What was to be a one year exchange, became a lifelong commitment to the skills of farming. Their legacy is one which remains many years after its beginnings.

The Hamblys (Battle River Community Foundation)

Dr. Stan Hambly was superintendent of schools, and saw education as a place where students could grow and achieve success by continuing their studies beyond high school. The funds that provide this were started by Dr. Hambly's daughter and her husband. They still actively contribute to it.

Reynolds Family Scholarship

Academic A student in good academic standing who plans to attend a university.

Vocational For a student who plans to enroll in an apprenticeship, RAP or certified ticket program in vocational studies.

Sharon Mae Saunders Memorial (Battle River Community Foundation)

She was a student who attended CCHS. She was a much loved daughter and all round good student.

Sandy and Carl Krenning Culinary Fund (Battle River Community Foundation)

Carl and Sandy Krenning were in the food service/restaurant business in Camrose for more than 38 years until their retirement. They enjoyed successful careers, both personally and financially, during that time. They are happy to support an award that starts a graduate on a similar path.

The McClearys

The McCleary wing of the high school is named after a dear alumni of the ÉCCHS family. Mr. McCleary was often referred to as a "renaissance man" by his fellow teachers. He was a musician, an academic who loved books, literature and the power of history. Charlie McCleary understood the critical role of the arts in enriching personal experiences for students. He was the creator of the ÉCCHS mantra "Be true to yourself." which remains to this day.

Melissa Austrom Memorial (Battle River Community Foundation)

Melissa was a fine student who loved learning. She had a warm and ready smile, offering to help others whenever the opportunity presented itself. She was a student who had many plans for her future and was dedicated and motivated by her studies.

Ross Huebner Memorial (Battle River Community Foundation)

Ross Huebner, brother of Pam Brodie, teacher and alumni of Camrose Composite High School, had many interests in life including reading, riding his Harley, cooking, exercising, and taking care of his cats. He had a gentle spirit, a witty sense of humor and was a loyal friend. Ross's life exemplified an interesting balance of wisdom and intelligence mixed with boyish innocence and wonder. He used his education to deepen his life experiences and to investigate what was, for him, a world of wonder.

Erik Eriksson Memorial (Karen Anderson-Falkenberg)

The Erik Eriksson Memorial award started in 1993 in memory of Erik. Erik's sunny personality and warmth was admired by his friends when he was a boy attending Charlie Killam junior high. Sadly, Erik developed leukemia when he was 13. Despite struggles with ongoing illness and physical challenges, he found comfort in his studies. His favorite subject was biology. Erik dreamed one day that he would become a wildlife photographer. He was creative and artistic as well. After enjoying traveling on the high school's spring international trip, Erik returned joyful, but tired. He passed away one month later. He was 17.

Craig Foss Memorial (Maureen Foss)

Craig Foss was a gifted and intuitive artist who took pride in craftsmanship with wood and construction design. The student who receives this award reflects a spirit of talent and passion in the pursuit of wood work.

Norm and Eloise Umbach Fund (Battle River Community Foundation)

Norm and Eloise arrived in Camrose in the 1950s after both served in the second world war. Norm was a navigator and Eloise was a nurse. Norm and Eloise felt that they had benefited from education and from having great teachers. This fund is for students planning to enter the education field to become teachers.

Hershita Sainbhee Memorial Scholarship (Parampreet Sainbhee)

Hershita Sainbhee was a rising star in academic excellence and in her work within the school community. She was an exceptional and much loved student. She had planned to follow in her parents' footsteps and become a physician. Hershita's life was one that, while short, was extremely rich. She passed away on June 28, 2018. We still miss her.

Steven Phillips Sportsmanship Scholarship (Ruth Phillips)

Steven Daryl Phillips was born in Camrose on November 12, 1980. Steven was a quiet, easy-going guy who wasted few words yet had the courage to say what he believed. He had a tremendous sense of fun and enjoyed practical jokes and water fights - his warm and mischievous smile being a trademark since childhood. Steven was gentle and thoughtful, often demonstrating a wonderful capacity for warm-hearted affection with those closest to him.

Schloss Endowment (Battle River Community Foundation)

The Schloss family lived in the city of Camrose until the 1980s. Mr. and Mrs. Schloss were advocates of education who believed that to make the world a better place, others must be elevated. The best way to help students grow and have opportunities opened to them was through the discipline of learning. Though the family left Camrose and relocated to Edmonton, their legacy and financial support over the last 20 years, remains an example of what service and kindness looks like.

Simonson Family Education Fund Award

The Simonson family settled in the town of Kingman in 1898. Despite hardships that included the 1918 flu pandemic, two world wars and the great depression, Petra and Henry became parents of five distinguished children. Simon became a superintendent of schools who later worked for Alberta Education, Henry Jr. became a principal in Edmonton and curriculum writer teaching at the University of Alberta, Percy became a teacher (but lost his life in WW2), Mabel taught music and Alice became a Special Education teacher whose career spanned four decades. Their kindness, loyalty and determination created a lasting legacy for the many who still remember their exceptional goodness.

Glen and Audrey Lett Scholarship (Battle River Community Foundation)

Glenn Lett was a principal at Camrose Composite High School. Mr. Lett was a firm believer that participation in performing arts developed life skills that enabled participants to succeed in a wide variety of professional activities. He also believed in the value of a post-secondary education and in the value of what is now Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta to students in and from Camrose.

Rhine Family Fund Cosmetology Award (Battle River Community Foundation)

This award goes to the cosmetology student who has shown the greatest improvement during the year. The award is based on effort and conduct.

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Under the guidance and ongoing consultation of Dana Andreassen and volunteers like Leon Lohner, the Battle River Community Foundation has been a critical advocate working in an advisory capacity to administer the funds and provide guidance by supporting the school's awards program. BRCF has spent countless hours in their role and we are grateful for their support.



Battle River School Division

Funds donated by private citizens as well as trusts, are managed by BRSD. This enormous undertaking requires months of careful planning, organizing and preparation to make sure the distribution of awards is a process that is equitable, fair and managed responsibly. We are grateful to the dedicated efforts of the accounts managers who monitor and support the complicated finances of the Awards program.

Elks Lodge No 70

Gerry Czapp has spent years in public service to the high school supporting our many CTS programs which are highlighted in their donations to cosmetology, construction, automotives and welding fabrication. Gerry has been an emissary of the Elks for more than two decades. Since 1912, the Elks of Canada have given countless volunteer hours to promoting and serving community needs across Canada. Gerry Czapp, along with all Camrose Elks Members, would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the students on their success and wish them the best in the future.



The Order of Royal Purple

The organization of the Royal Purple supports students around the Camrose Community by donating both time and resources to worthy projects including the Boys and Girls Club, the Stollery Hospital and by investing in Camrose Composite High School students. Inaugurated in 1937, they have had a long tradition of community volunteerism. They are looking for new members to continue providing programming.

Women of the Moose

This organization began in Chicago, Illinois and has been running for over 100 years. Their mission is to give to the community and have been volunteering to support and donate resources to local schools and community based programs. If you want to volunteer time and be a part of an organization that makes a difference to others, please contact the lodge at 780 672 2502. We are presenting the awards on behalf of Judy Sturek and Freda Kushnerick.

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The story of us: WHO WE WILL BECOME

Below are the stories of the recipients who applied for Awards & Scholarships.

Kensea Aaron



Kensea established the Students of Colour Association at ÉCCHS which culminated with his organizing of Cultural Night. By founding this group, Kensea "strove to create change and equality within the school and to leave a lasting positive impact on the community." Kensea's "studies have taught me to be socially conscious, and this has manifested itself this year in my participation in several groups within the school." An Advanced Placement student who was involved in ÉCCHS athletics, Kensea is moving on to play volleyball at the university level. Kensea is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick and receives the **Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship, the C. H. McCleary Award,**

the Erik and Gunvor Mygind Scholarship, the Errol Moen Memorial Award, the Ross Huebner Memorial Scholarship, and the Steven Phillips Sportsmanship Memorial Award.

Yeamlak Assefa

Yeamlak worked extremely hard through high school and she appreciates the opportunities afforded to her by ÉCCHS. She was a positive and cheerful student who could often be seen doing extra studying and taking advantage of extra help from her teachers. She credits her teachers with helping her to have success in her courses. ÉCCHS helped her "to build skills and confidence that I can apply for the rest of my life." Yeamlak's goal is to be a businesswoman. She is studying at MacEwan University and receives the **Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship and the Battle River Implements Award.**



Abagail Badry



Abagail credits her teachers with changing her perception of Math to the point it is now one of her favourite subjects. Abagail contends that ÉCCHS developed her strong work ethic and her value of the importance of studying. She enjoyed the French Immersion and Stained Glass courses and found her Psychology classes fascinating. "I enjoy listening to people's stories and issues and helping them work through what is wrong. I plan on continuing my education in the field of psychology. The brain is so remarkable and my hope is to better understand how it works so then I can solve larger problems or help build better strategies for people who struggle with anxiety." Abagail is studying a Bachelor of Science at MacEwan

University and receives the Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship.

Claire Baumle

Claire has a goal to create a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing abuse and supporting trauma-informed practices. Claire's experience at ÉCCHS "has been transformative and valuable. It has provided me with a supportive and engaging learning environment, diverse personal and academic growth opportunities, and strong connections with peers, teachers, and community members. These experiences have had a significant impact on my future aspirations and goals. I look up to many of my teachers, to whom I owe a lot. They have helped me develop a strong sense of identity, purpose, and passion for education." Claire credits Mr. Brager for supporting her as "he encouraged me to



express my feelings through my art, and helped me discover my own unique style." Claire is pursuing a Bachelor of Elementary Education with a Minor in Indigenous Studies at Red Deer Polytechnic and receives the Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship, the Melissa Austrom Memorial Award, and the Stan and Gladys Hambly Scholarship.

Ella Boyd



Ella recognizes the French Immersion Program and the Fitness and Cross Training program (FACT) as important influences on her learning. "One of the many things that makes ÉCCHS stand out is the genuine care and effort given by the teachers to help their students learn and to make learning fun." Through her volunteering and assistant coaching, Ella states that her "passion for helping others and ambition to make a positive impact in our society has only grown." Ella has a keen interest in landscape architecture and planning so she hopes to use her creativity and science skills to innovate community layouts. She is studying the Bachelor of Design in City Innovation at the University of Calgary and receives

the Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship, the Alice Thom Memorial Award, the Candler Art Gallery Award, and the Sharon Saunders Memorial Award.

Keegan Culham

Keegan is an introspective student who "learned that struggle is the first step to understanding and that helping your classmates is productive for both you and those you help." Keegan has a keen interest in turbine engines and hopes to explore the area of clean or reduced energy production. "Without the Advanced Placement class opportunity and amazing support of Mrs. Mackenzie, I know that my enjoyment of the subject would be different." Keegan is studying a Bachelor of Science in Engineering at the University of Alberta and receives the **Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship and the Norm and Eloise Umbach Scholarship Award**.





Casey Elliott

Casey enjoyed the French Immersion Program, the Music Program, and the Science Club. She contends that the French cohort became a "tightly-knit family of sorts, flourishing at ÉCCHS. My diverse experiences at ÉCCHS have prepared me for my future as an educator, a linguist, a scientist, a musician. I have been given the chance to thrive and develop as a multifaceted individual thanks to my fantastic schooling." Casey suit le programme Baccalauréat en Education secondaire/Baccalauréat-des-Sciences, majeure en sciences biologiques et mineure en sciences physiques, à la Faculté Saint-Jean, University of Alberta.

Casey receives the Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship, the Charlie and Helen McCleary Endowment Award, the CPF Camrose Award, the Melissa Austrom Memorial Award, the Ruth MacDonald Award, and the Stan and Gladys Hambly Scholarship.

Janaya Iverson

In addition to serving as President of the ÉCCHS Student Council, Janaya was involved in the Student-Led Mental Health Committee, the Grad Committee, the CTS fashions program, and the Morning Live Announcements. Janaya states that being an ÉCCHS student "has benefited every aspect of my life; I made great friends, I had great teachers, and I discovered parts of my personality that have shaped who I have become over these past few years." Regarding the ÉCCHS Fashions Program, Janaya states that it "promotes creative thinking, experimentation, and making statements; that is exactly what I achieved through the program, and I am very grateful to have had this opportunity to find success in the CTS program." Janaya is currently pursuing Journalism and Digital Media at



Mount Royal University in Calgary. Janaya receives the **Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship**, the Camrose County Scholarship, the Erik and Gunvor Mygind Scholarship, the Reynolds Scholarship - Academic Award, and the Student Council Award.



Kaleb Lobb

Kaleb has a passion for art and for writing. ÉCCHS "has reinforced my ambition, desire, and curiosity in not only the fine arts, but also in the literal arts, such as poetry and writing." ÉCCHS has "helped me learn ways to get out of both writers and artist's block by taking a step back from the project and learning that the closer you get to a picture, the less you see." Kaleb states that he has a goal to "help others get started on a path they will enjoy for a lifetime and help them create works that will outlive them as a legacy and something to be proud of." Kaleb is pursuing the Graphic Design Diploma Program at The Visual College of Art and Design of Vancouver and receives the **Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship.**

Hanna McCarroll

Hanna is an athlete, coach, and volunteer who has advanced to the next level to play college basketball. She enjoyed the art and design courses at ÉCCHS and has an interest in home and public space design. Her regard for diversity and empathy is evidenced by her volunteerism to support those less fortunate. Hanna mentions the value of diversity at ÉCCHS as there were an abundance of opportunities to learn about other cultures. "I witnessed the power of shared experience with my fellow classmates and the compassion from mentors and teachers gave me a deeper understanding of the resilience we are capable of



together." Hanna is studying a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Alberta, Augustana Campus and receives the Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship, the Erik and Gunvor Mygind Scholarship, and the Simonson Family Education Award.



Clark Mepa

Clark was involved in ÉCCHS athletics and contends that the caring staff enriched his experiences. "The diversity and inclusivity of Camrose Composite has impacted me and makes me strive to express and love who I am as an individual. Seeing others like myself being immersed and able to feel normal and loved within a community expresses the beauty and benefits that the school upholds." Clark recognizes ÉCCHS as a place that reinforces that importance of being a kind and respectful person. He has aspirations of being an airline pilot and is currently attending Mount Allison University in New Brunswick. Clark receives **Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship.**

Amelia Milne

Amelia was involved in several ÉCCHS programs, including Music, Art, Advanced Placement, French Immersion, and clubs such as QSA action group, Moxie, Student Council, and debate. Amelia states that her teachers have mentored her by "challenging me, encouraging creativity and novel thinking. The help that I have received when I was applying to post secondary and to scholarships at ÉCCHS has been very comprehensive and beneficial to me thanks to the help I have received from the advisors." Amelia hopes to strengthen the STEM community by making them "an inclusive space for everyone so that the idea of STEM being for everyone can be reinforced through example, and not just in theory. I want to see these fields



become more accessible and welcoming to a larger group of people to help people get involved in STEM." Amelia is currently studying a Bachelor of Science in Engineering at the University of Alberta. Amelia receives the **Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship and the Erik and Gunvor Mygind Scholarship.**



Mary Searle

Mary enjoyed FACT, Student Council, French Immersion, Music, and the Science Club. Being a member of provincial champion basketball and running teams, Mary's passion for athletics was "solidified thanks to the outstanding athletic program and to my coaches and teammates." FACT and AP prepared her "to be able to handle any challenge through hard work and dedication while creating a supportive environment to learn in." French Immersion encouraged her "desire to explore the world, learn something new about different cultures and not be afraid to take risks and be grateful for every challenge as the rewards will be worth it." The lessons learned regarding "dedication, hard work, enthusiasm and the benefits

of being true to myself will forever be embedded in my identity." Mary is studying a Bachelor of Kinesiology with a Major in Physical Activity and Health at the University of Alberta and receives the **Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship and the Battle River Implements Award.**

Jamie Severson

Jamie credits ÉCCHS for giving her many opportunities to develop her self-confidence. She was a student who recognized the importance of being driven and putting in an effort to develop skills. "I hope to help others become the best that they can be by showing them what could be possible when you put your mind to it and that nothing is truly impossible when you decide on a course of action to achieve it." Jamie is studying a Bachelor of Management at University of Alberta, Augustana campus and receives the Battle River Implements Award.





Levi Severson

Levi was a cheerful and pleasant student of ÉCCHS. He found success in the Construction and Fabrication Programs. He developed his skills in Construction and has chosen to pursue his dream of being a framing carpenter. Due to his skills, attention to detail, and strong work ethic, Levi took on a leadership role in Construction class. He credits Mr. Doig with helping him a lot to explore what career path to follow. Levi is studying Carpentry at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and receives the Meridian Award, the Reynolds Scholarship—Vocational Award and the Open Circle CTS Award.

Randi Severson

Randi was in the Advanced Placement Art Program and was involved with school groups such as Student Council, Alpha and Moxie. She also was a Work Experience student at ÉCCHS. During her time at ÉCCHS, Randi realized that people can be "emotionalized by art." Randi's response to when people liked her art was that it "invoked a sense of pride and confidence in me that I didn't know existed. I found myself being able to discuss and collaborate more in my classes, I am now able to walk down a hallway with my head up and with a smile on my face." Randi is studying a Bachelor of Arts at University of Alberta, Augustana Campus with a Major in Interdisciplinary Studies in Creativity and Culture and receives the **Highmark Machine Works Ltd. Award.**





Avery Smith

Avery values the ÉCCHS Music Program as it "gave me many opportunities to learn priceless lessons in teamwork, perseverance, and self-reliance. This program was a keystone in my high school journey." She states that ÉCCHS is "inclusive and accepting of all. There are many advocacy groups and support systems put in place at the school, and I have seen the changes in student life from them. Kindness goes a long way, and I know that the warmth shown to me by both staff and students made my high school journey endurable. I have been inspired to show the same kindness to everyone I meet." Avery is studying a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Alberta and receives the

Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship, the Glen and Audrey Lett Scholarship, and the Yearbook Award.

Alexis Steeves

Alexis was a thoughtful student who values the importance of critical thinking, communication, creativity, patience, organization, and trust. Her recognition of these values will contribute to her success as a teacher. At ÉCCHS, "I am grateful I have had such good role models in my life to inspire me to become a teacher. If I could go back and answer a teacher when they ask the question 'What is a goal you have for your life?,' it would be to become the teachers I had in my high school years so I can impact my future students as positively as they have affected me." Alexis is currently studying Secondary Education with an English Language Arts Major and Physical Education Minor at the University of Alberta. Alexis receives



the Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship, the Melissa Austrom Memorial Award, and the Stan and Gladys Hambly Scholarship.



Allyson Thain

Winning Provincial gold in Track & Field and with the Cross-Country running team, Allyson was an exceptional ÉCCHS athlete. "From developing new skills to forging lifelong friendships, being a student at CCHS has truly been a transformative experience for me." She is continuing on her athletics journey in biathlon and has aspirations to work with sports teams in a leadership role such as serving as an athletic director. Allyson is pursuing a Bachelor of Health and Exercise Sciences at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus in Kelowna and receives the **Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship and the Janet Solverson Trophy.**

Charlotte Thiessen

Charlotte was involved in the Students of Colour Association, Queer-Straight Action Group, Farewell Committee, Student Council as Diversity Representative, and she established Moxie, an Intersectional Feminist Advocacy Club. Through her involvement in these clubs, Charlotte is inspired to support social justice, wellness and "celebrate our differences." Charlotte contends that these ÉCCHS groups "illustrate the diverse interests of the school community. With this opportunity and my natural ability to listen and empathize, I have grown an interest to pursue a deeper understanding of intersectionality and the improvement of human rights in our society."



Charlotte is studying a Bachelor of Science Majoring in Psychology at University of Alberta and receives the Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship, the Erik and Gunvor Mygind Scholarship, the Hershita Sainbhee Memorial Scholarship, the Ross Huebner Memorial Scholarship, and the Ruth MacDonald Award.



Rena Warren

Rena was involved in French Immersion, science competitions, and various musical productions. Rena states that ÉCCHS provided French Immersion students with "a lot of resources to help us improve, we had a lot of very intelligent, inspiring and dedicated teachers who taught us in a fun and encouraging way." She was involved in starting up the Science Club. Through these pursuits, ÉCCHS created opportunities for her to "enrich and open diverse paths for me to further my worldview." Rena suit le programme Baccalauréat ès Sciences, majeure en sciences biologiques, à la Faculté Saint-Jean, University of

Alberta. She receives the Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship.

Meagan Zimmel

Meagan, the 2022-2023 ÉCCHS Valedictorian, was involved in our Advanced Placement Program, FACT and participated on several sports teams. She was a student who challenged herself, stating "by taking these difficult classes and succeeding, I have grown to trust my thinking." Meagan dedicates time to helping those around her by tutoring math and coaching youth soccer. Having a passion for mathematics, Meagan is taking engineering and design with aspirations of becoming a biomedical engineer. Meagan is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Engineering at the University of Calgary and receives the Agnes Boness Memorial Scholarship, the Al and Ann Schloss **Endowment Fund Scholarship, the ATA Award, the Camrose Pipe** Scholarship, the Chamber of Commerce Award – dedicated to Jessie Burgess, the Governor



General's Academic Medal, and the Bergstrom Trophy.