



HGCC Foundation - Changing lives for good

Attending university this fall will be a little easier for two young women thanks to funding from the HGCC Foundation.

HGCC Foundation President, Brian Short and Vice-President, Al Scott recently made \$5,000 bursary presentations to two Children's Aid Society of Hamilton crown ward students.

The funds to support these two outstanding youth come from the HGCC Foundation through monies raised by the Dick Borthwick Charity Golf Tournament.

Savannah Blois

BA, Child and Youth Studies
Second of four years, Brock University

Last year, Savannah was planning to go away to attend school in England as she was accepted into a 5 year Co-current Education: Bachelor of Education Program.

Instead, Savannah chose to stay close to home for her education, where she had supports of her worker, friends and foster family. She accepted enrolment at Brock University in the 4 year Child & Youth Studies Program, with the plan to attend Teacher's College once she graduates. She did well her first year and felt she made the right choice staying where she had supports when needed.

Savannah works part-time as a supervisor at a grocery store, volunteers for a food bank, and is looking to secure another part-time position to help with her finances.

Shianne Van Duzen

Bachelor of Biological Sciences
Second of four years, Brock University

Shianne will be entering her second year at Brock University in the Biological Sciences Program with the plan to complete this degree and then apply to the Ontario Veterinary College to complete her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, specializing in equine medicine.



HGCC Foundation President, Brian Short and Vice-President, Al Scott with HGCC Foundation Bursary recipients, Shianne Van Duzen and Savannah Blois.



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Her love for horses began when she was young and placed at a foster home in the country. Her foster parents arranged for her to take horseback riding lessons and this is when her passion for horses started. As she got older, she would volunteer five to 10 hours per week at the stables when she was not able to ride.

Shianne budgets very well, works full-time at a summer job and has learned to be careful with her money. She continues to be close with her former foster parents, who are tremendous supports to her and offer financial advice when needed.

During the school year, she will be renting a three-bedroom home with two other girls who she met at school during first year in order to limit the costs associated with living away at school.

The following is a letter of thanks that Shianne sent to the HGCC Foundation Committee. This will be her second year receiving support through the bursary program.

Dear HGCC Members

As the recipient of the HGCC Foundation Bursary, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the tremendous support you have provided with this bursary.

I have recently completed my first year at Brock University in the Biological Sciences program with an overall academic average of 77 %. I will be graduating in the year 2021, but I hope to receive my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the Ontario Veterinary College. It is my goal to pursue a career in Equine Veterinary Medicine.