

Carleton North student receives \$60,000 scholarship

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Cassie Hall was preparing for her performance in a school concert later in the evening when she received an email.

Earlier in the school year, Hall had applied for the Schulich Leaders Scholarship, which awards 50 scholarships to students across Canada.

The 18-year-old student couldn't believe what she had read, and burst with excitement. She had been chosen by UNB for the \$60,000 Schulich Scholarship for science.

Hall was among the first six students in Canada to be chosen, and the first from Carleton North High School to win the award.

She wasn't sure she would be chosen, and was blindsided when she received the email, said Hall.

"It was a big shock. I couldn't believe it when I read it. I was just getting ready for the school concert, and then I got it. I was so happy."

Applicants must meet two of the three requirements to be chosen for the Scholarship, which are academic excellence, leadership through community or business work, or financial need.

Hall more than meets the criteria for academic excellence and leadership, said CNHS guidance counsellor Sophie Albright.

"Cassie is an involved and engaged student both at CNHS and in the community. Some of her activities include yearbook, concert band, stage band and choir. She is also co-manager of the music program, student representative council vice-president, potato harvest enhancement program tutor for students, and she co-ordinates the basketball timekeepers."

She is able to balance all of her responsibilities while while maintaining a high standard of academic achievement, said Albright.

"Overall, Cassie is a determined and hardworking student that has an easy-going, friendly attitude. We are very proud of Catherine's achievements, and that she has been selected to receive the Schulich Leader Scholarship."

Hall said none of this would be possible if she didn't enjoy school as much as she does.

"I really enjoy school. My favourite subjects are probably science and math. I also really like the social aspect of school, and all the different clubs I get to be in. It is just a lot of fun."

Hall was also awarded the Adjudicator's Choice award for piano solo 18 years and under, and the Spirit Award at the Carleton North Festival of Musical Arts last week.

As for the future, she wants to make the most out of her scholarship, and plans to attend UNB after graduating, she said.

"I want to major in biology. I am thinking about pursuing a career in the medical field, but I could change my mind a million times before that happens. I would also like to continue performing musically."

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