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Scholarships

Future Waterloo students win prestigious Schulich scholarships

WATERLOO — Two Ontario high school students set to attend the University of Waterloo in September are among the winners of the coveted 2013 Schulich Leader Scholarships.

Lucas Palmer from Windsor and Chloé Simms from Pembroke each won the awards worth \$60,000 that go to top students who plan to study in the areas of science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Schulich winners must possess at least two of the following attributes: academic excellence, financial need, or outstanding community, business or entrepreneurial leadership.

Palmer's average is 99 per cent. He is also captain of his varsity volleyball team and he has organized charity events that raised \$11,000. Every student has to log 40 hours of community service to graduate. Palmer completed 550 hours. He plans to study medicine in the future.

"I've always dreamed of going to Waterloo because of its amazing mathematics program," said Palmer.

Simms' average is 95 per cent. She has already started her own fair-trade organic coffee business and is a Kiwanis Key Leader. She's a founding member of her school's Tolerance Club and has volunteered 400 hours at a retirement home in her hometown. Simms will join the Faculty of Science in September. She dreams of becoming an astronaut, and was drawn to Waterloo's state-of-the-art research facilities, such as the Mike & Ophelia Lazaridis Quantum-Nano Centre.

"There are phenomenal research facilities at Waterloo. It's a big research centre and I want to be part of the fantastic work going on there," she said.

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