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KCS Student Awarded Prestigious Scholarship

Kindersley Composite School student, Sheldon Cannon was recently awarded the Shulich Leadership Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded to only 50 Canadians entering post-secondary studies in the STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics). 25 of these scholarships are for students entering science, technology, or math and are valued at \$60,000, in which Sheldon was one of the recipients. It is the goal of the program to award scholarships to show promise as future global pioneers in the STEM fields and to build the next generation of technology innovators.

Sheldon was prompted to apply for this award by his teacher Ms. Marchant. He had to fill out an online application where he discussed his greatest accomplishments, write an essay about why he thought he would make a great Shulich Leader, and submit transcripts and two reference letters. Sheldon was selected as U of A's Shulich Leader in Science. The award selection criteria is based on possessing at least two of the three characteristics of academic excellence, community leadership, and financial need. He is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science General Program, majoring in Biological Sciences. He is also in the Interdisciplinary Science Threshold Experience program (InSciTE) for his first year. In this new program, students explore science and math from an interdisciplinary perspective. Sheldon is part of the Life Sciences stream, which has a focus on Biology and Chemistry, meaning his calculus, statistics, and chemistry classes are based in the life sciences and focus on their applications. Sheldon says he is very excited to look at how his main interest, the science of life, is involved in all these different disciplines. He added he's "extremely honoured by this opportunity! It is my goal to make the world a better place through my activities and my studies and this will be such a help in achieving that goal."

The Peter Lougheed Leadership College has also accepted Sheldon into their program at U of A. This is essentially an addition to his degree where he'll take additional leadership classes, get to collaborate with a cohort of like-minded peers, participate on a retreat in Banff, receive a \$5,000 scholarship, as well as other exciting opportunities. Sheldon has been involved in several school and division based student leadership programs and opportunities, and he is highly involved with community committees and groups. Sun West wishes Sheldon all the success in his endeavors and extends congratulations on capturing this scholarship.

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