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### Local student earn \$80,000 scholarship



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Belleville - A local student is heading off to make his mark on the world of physics and he just earned himself a \$80,000 scholarship to aid with the expense.

Cameron Bardell was one of 50 successful recipients of a prestigious scholarship, after being selected from a pool of 1,300 nominees from across Canada.

Though his father is a local general surgeon, the junior Bardell says his passion is physics, astrophysics to be exact, and that's where he will continue to focus his efforts.

"I've always really loved that as a kid, so if I can do work in astrophysics or astronomy that would be my goal," he said.

As for longterm goals.

"I plan to do a masters and PHD in physics," said Bardell Friday, speaking via phone from his Belleville home while packing for the trip to Waterloo Saturday, where he will settle in for the new school year.

Bardell, a St. Theresa's Catholic Secondary School graduate, was one of four new first-year students at University Waterloo awarded the Schulich Leader Scholarship and the \$80,000 that came with it.

"Each high school can nominate one person, so we worked on the application," he said. "I found out I was select in about April."


The scholarship is geared towards encourage students like Bardell, to embrace science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) disciplines in their future careers. "Schulich Leader scholarship recipients are the best and brightest STEM students in Canada," said Seymour Schulich, Canadian business leader and philanthropist. "I truly believe that many of these students will make great contributions to society, both on a national and global scale. With their university expenses covered, they can focus their time on their studies, research projects, extra-curriculars, and entrepreneurial ventures. They are the next generation of technology innovators."

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