



Gordon Graydon grad a Schulich Leader, receives \$100K scholarship

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Mississauga's Mickey Dang has a little extra excitement as he enters his first year at the University of Waterloo.

Dang, a graduate of Gordon Graydon Secondary School, has been awarded a Schulich Leader Scholarship worth \$100,000.

The award is given to first-year university students pursuing STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).

Dang, who will be taking systems design engineering at Waterloo, is one of 50 recipients from across Canada, four of whom — including Dang — are Waterloo students.

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The scholarship amounts are \$100,000 (\$25,000 a year) for engineering students and \$80,000 (\$20,000 a year) for those pursuing science, technology, or math.

Dang learned he received the award while having lunch with his mom back in May. His mom was on the phone when he got the email notifying him of the scholarship.

"I was so surprised and in shock — I just shoved the email in front of her face and she couldn't believe her eyes," he said, adding that his mom kept repeating "Oh, my god" and "she ended up running out of the restaurant afterwards to talk to the person on the phone."

The 17-year-old, who is interested in a career in clean energy, is relieved to have the financial stress that comes with tuition out of the way while he focuses on his studies.

A University of Waterloo news release about the school's recipients noted that more than 1,300 Canadian students were nominated this year.

Recipients are chosen by the 20 Canadian universities that partner with the scholarship. Students are nominated by their high school.

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There is a similar scholarship program for 50 recipients in Israel.

"I truly believe that many of these students will make great contributions to society, both on a national and global scale," Canadian entrepreneur Seymour Schulich, who founded the scholarship, said in the Aug. 29 statement from Waterloo.

"With their university expenses covered, they can focus their time on their studies, research projects, extracurriculars, and entrepreneurial ventures."

The scholarship was established in 2012.

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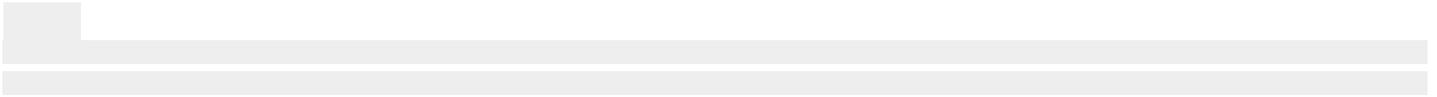
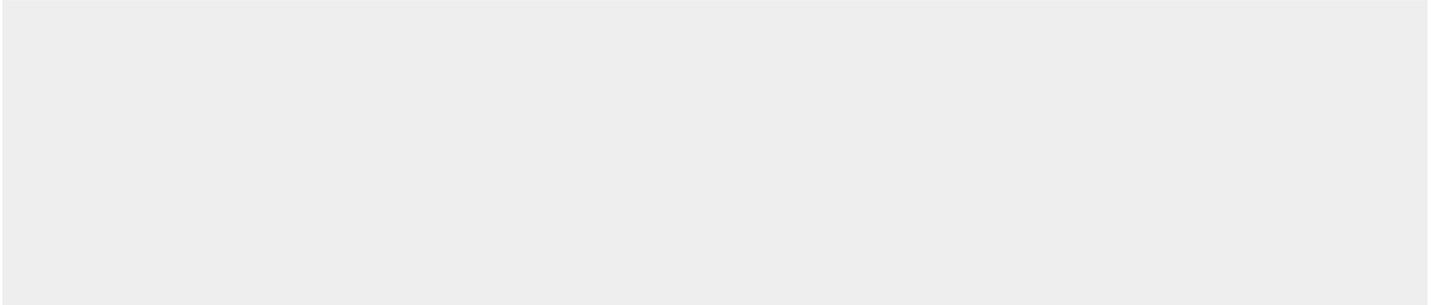
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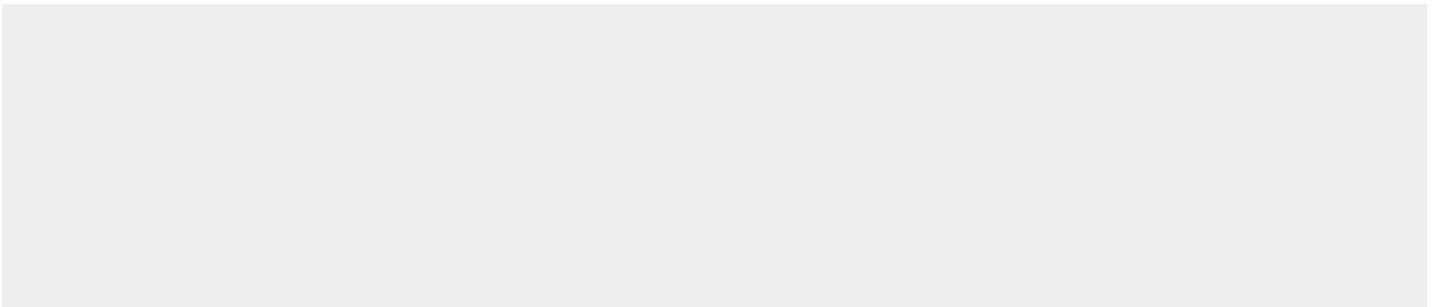
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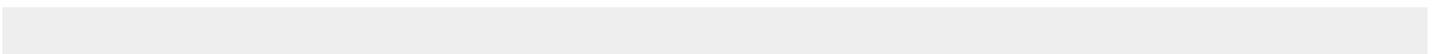
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