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SFU student Deven Azevedo, 18, is among 40 new undergrads nationally to receive 2013 Schulich Leader Scholarships.

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Deven Azevedo and Andy Zeng are among 40 Canadian undergraduate students to receive 2013 Schulich Leader Scholarships.

Seymour Schulich, a Montreal-born Jewish-Canadian business leader and philanthropist, created the annual awards program two years ago to encourage high school graduates to consider going into careers of global scientific research and innovation.

The students must study science technology, engineering or mathematics during their undergraduate years and demonstrate two of three attributes: academic excellence, social and/or business leadership.

Here's more on the winners:

Deven Azevedo, 18

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Education: Graduated last year from Langley Fine Arts School and is now studying environmental science at SFU.

Future goal: Azevedo plans to go into environmental law.

Hobbies: In his spare time, Azevedo is also a local Indie-rock musician who plays bass guitar and sings backup vocals with a band he joined in Grade 8.

The project: In high school, Azevedo founded The Green Team, a club with a social conscience that enlisted 20 students to work in partnership with the Fort Langley Community Garden Committee. Together, the two groups raised \$45,000 to build the community garden adjacent to the school, where 27 beds were planted for community use and 15 beds for school use.

Quotable: "Our society has to start becoming more sustainable. The community garden is an avenue to get students to get right into sustainability. It seemed a natural way to get students involved in community, and hopefully the garden will be used for generations to come."

Andy Zeng, 17

Education: A Centennial Secondary School graduate, he is studying biomedical physiology at SFU's Faculty of Science.

Future goal: He hopes to pursue clinical work and medical research globally.



Hobbies: In his spare time, Zeng works as a lifeguard and water safety instructor. He is also an avid martial arts competitor, and won a gold medal in the Junior Muay Thai category at the Can-Am International Championships in 2011.

The project: In high school, Zen was co-president of the Red Cross Club and volunteered to help the homeless, raise money for Hurricane Sandy victims, and help to raise \$5,000 to pay for a well in Kenya. The club also connected with other clubs throughout the high school district and went on speaking engagements at various elementary schools to talk about water security. During his senior-year lunch periods, Zeng also tutored fellow students in science and mathematics.

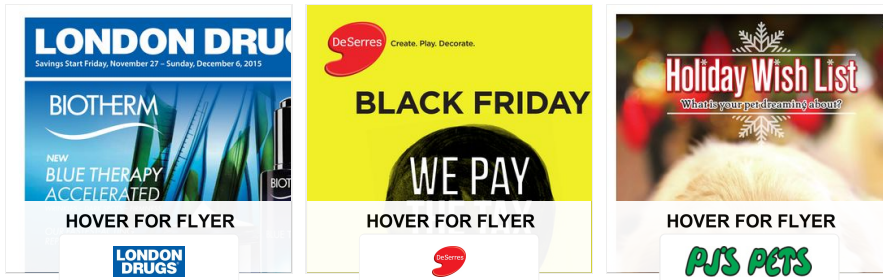
Quotable: "There's so many opportunities for youth, and so many don't want to seize the opportunity or can't find them if they aren't well publicized. But if they do, their high school exper

The UJA Federation is accepting nominee applications for the 2014 Schulich Leader Scholarships until Feb. 24, 2014.

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