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# Fort McMurray student receives \$60,000 Schulich Leader Scholarship

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Grade 12 student Linda Guo, of Westwood Community High School is one of the 50 Canadian recipients of the prestigious \$60,000 Schulich Leader Scholarship. Supplied Image.

Linda Guo, a Grade 12 student from Fort McMurray's Westwood Community High School (WCHS) is one of 50 Canadian students awarded with Canada's prestigious Schulich Leader Scholarship.

[Tweet](#) It was quite amazing. I sent the email to my mom and we were quite thrilled," Guo said.

WCHS counsellor Christine Tulk nominated Guo for the award, which recognizes students academic excellence and outstanding community leadership.

Guo had spent over 1,000 hours to a variety of organizations at the school, within the community and summer programs," Tulk said in a press release. "Linda is fluent in Mandarin, she loves the violin, and is also very active with the Royal Conservatory of Music. She is well respected by her peers, and the staff, and is a role model for others."

The entrance scholarship is awarded to students pursuing sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics in post-secondary institutions and each winner receives \$60,000.

Guo will be attending Western University in London, Ont. this fall and is enrolled in the bachelor of medical sciences program offered jointly through the faculty of science and the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry.

An aspiring doctor, Guo said with lots of hard work, her goal is to get into medical school.

"I always knew I wanted to do sciences. I come from a family of engineers," Guo said. "I think I wanted to become a doctor after finding that engineering really isn't that different from being a doctor. You still solve problems and fix anything that you see."

Although Guo is unsure of her exact field of study, she has an interest in research.

As a recipient of the prestigious Schulich Leader scholarship, Guo said she's proud to represent Fort McMurray especially since the wildfire.

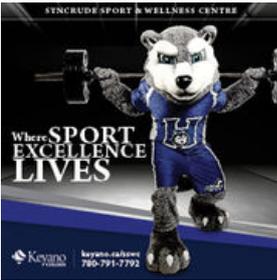
"I don't want the rest of the world to remember us because of it, they should know us for something greater and the way we all stood together because of such a calamity," she said. "As for the scholarship itself, it's given me more confidence in my abilities and what I can do."

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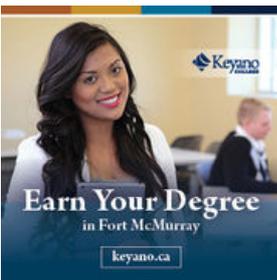
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