



Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association

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Both Scholarship Awards of the Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association for 2014 Go to Oakville Students

Louis Tsai, president of the Halton Region Chinese Canadian Association (HRCCA), announced today the two winners of its 2014 scholarship awards. Both winners are from Oakville: Linda Fei (費逸寧) of Abbey Park High School and Kelly Kong (孔安蕊) of White Oaks Secondary School. They each will receive \$1,000 for their pursuit of post-secondary studies. In addition, Kong's award is in memory of Madam Chiu Tam Mo-Wan (趙譚慕蘊), whose family has been an ardent supporter of the HRCCA scholarship program.

“Both are remarkable students, the epitome of good citizenship with outstanding leadership and achievements that our association would like to recognize,” said Tsai.

Linda Fei graduated with a 97.4 average from Abbey Park High School, where she has won the Top Proficiency Award given to the student with the highest grade average, for three consecutive years. She co-founded the Abbey Park Science Association to raise interest among her peers and younger students in science and to prepare them for participation in competitions such as the Canadian Biology Olympiad. Her interests extend beyond academics as she serves as co-president of the school debate club and president of the Social Change Council. In her spare time, Fei volunteers at the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital and as a counsellor at a Chinese daycare camp for young children.

Tim O'Byrne, head of the math/science department at Abbey Park High Park, has great hopes for Fei: “Linda is hard working and consistently achieves excellence while

remaining humble with regards to her success. She is always finding ways to challenge herself and I am confident she is destined for significant accomplishments in university and beyond.”

Fei has been admitted to University of Western Ontario, majoring in medical sciences. She wishes to pursue a career in the fields of health care and business administration.

Kelly Kong is the second HRCCA scholarship winner. Apart from her high academic achievements, Kong is also an accomplished dancer and has been teaching dance classes for adults and children since Grade 9. At White Oaks Secondary School, she enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program designed for innovative, creative learners. She is also vice president of the community-based Key Club and the technology manager of the school newspaper. Outside her school activities, she volunteers with the Burlington Chinese School, the Inside Ride (a cancer foundation), Home Suite Hope (a homeless charity) and helped organize canned food drive for the Fareshare food bank in conjunction with the Key Club.

“Kelly has always a smile and a positive attitude. She is very caring and meticulous as a dance teacher dedicating a lot of time in designing costumes, music and dance movements for the students,” said Van Thuan Huynh, chairperson of Burlington Chinese School.

Kong will be attending University of Waterloo in September studying electrical engineering.

Mary Lui, chairperson of the HRCCA Scholarship Committee, is very pleased with the quality of candidates who applied for this year’s award and thanked the selection panel in choosing the winners. The panel consists of Wayne Joudrie, former Director of Education for the Halton District School Board, Dr Paul Wu, a Burlington gynecologist and a member of the HRCCA Board of Directors, and Alvin Tan a global architect consultant from Burlington.

“Being a community-based organization dedicated to promoting interaction between the Chinese community and the society-at-large, our association would like to see more applications for our scholarship award next year,” added Tsai, “We may be looking at changing some of the program criteria to encourage a broader spectrum of applicants from the community.”

The current HRCCA scholarship program awards one or more scholarships annually to graduating high school students from Halton who have demonstrated outstanding

leadership in promoting Chinese culture, have achieved a high academic standing and are in financial need. More information is available at the website www.hrcca.ca.

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Photographs of Linda Fei and Kelly Kong are attached.

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