

NEWS RELEASE FROM THE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

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First Annual Bravo Breakfast Awards

Cornwall, ON – The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario has completed one of its most memorable months in recent history.

February saw the Board host the first annual Bravo Breakfast Awards, honouring the unsung heroes who walk the hallways of our region's Catholic schools.

Proud parents looked on as 42 students, one from each of the Board's elementary and secondary schools, accepted awards they had earned for simply being themselves.

CDSBEO Director of Education, and Bravo Breakfast Award creator, Wm. J. Gartland, said the awards honour a special type of student. "These are students who strive to make their schools and greater Catholic community a better place to be. Over the course of the month, we have heard some truly wonderful stories about some outstanding students."

The Awards recognize students for many reasons. Some have overcome adversity and personal challenges to remain positive influences for their peers, while others are helping the less fortunate in their communities by visiting the elderly, serving their parishes, and spearheading food drives. Some simply bring a positive outlook and energy with them to school every day. That positive outlook can't help but be felt and shared with their fellow students. Some take time every day to help around their school, wherever they are needed. They are stewards of the Earth on their personal paths to discipleship. "The students that we recognized are significant, positive contributors and have an incredible effect on everyone they meet," said Mr. Gartland.

In order to accommodate the CDSBEO's large geographical area, five regional Bravo Breakfasts were held. Communities that hosted the awards were Cornwall, Brockville, Kemptville, Hammond, and Perth.

The honourees were joined at the Breakfasts by their parents and their school Principals. The experience was enriching and it was a great opportunity to recognize students who go over and above what is required.

The local Superintendent of Education for the five regions served as Master of Ceremonies at each Breakfast. Superintendent for Cornwall schools, Jane McMillan, said, "It is very important to us that the students see we are all so very proud of what they have accomplished, as they become the incredible young people they are."

The Bravo Breakfast Awards will be an annual event. The CDSBEO looks forward to celebrating with these students and their families each year.

For more information, please contact CDSBEO Communications Officer Bob Perreault at 613-258-7757 or 1-800-443-4562 ext. 206 or 613-859-0678 (mobile).

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario operates 40 elementary and 10 secondary schools across 8 counties. The CDSBEO offers excellence in Catholic education through provincial-leading programs to approximately 15,000 students.

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Included Photos:

BravoWinnersCornwall: Pictured are the winners of the first Annual Bravo Breakfast Awards held at the Best Western Parkway Inn, in Cornwall in February.

Back Row (left to right): Board Chairperson, Ronald Eamer; Cornwall and Glengarry Trustee, Todd Lalonde; Kory Kingston, St. Matthew CLC, Cornwall; Stormont and Dundas Trustee Karen McAllister; Gavin Dicaire, Holy Trinity CSS, Cornwall; Brandon Armstrong St. Joseph CSS, Cornwall; CDSBEO Director of Education, Wm. J. Gartland

Middle Row: Lindsey Levasseur, St. George Catholic School, Long Sault; Allison McDougall, Iona Academy Catholic School, Williamstown; Melanie Riedener, St. Finnan's Catholic School, Alexandria; Jenna Sauv , St. Anne Catholic School, Cornwall; Derek Prevost, Bishop Macdonell Catholic School, Cornwall; Justin Swift, Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School (Elementary), Cornwall; Kristen Littlejohn, Sacred Heart Catholic School, Cornwall; Joshua McDonald, St. Andrew's Catholic School, St. Andrews; Krystal Parisien, St. Columban's Catholic School, Cornwall

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