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Red Deer Regional Catholic Education Foundation initiatives take flight for the 2024-2025 school year

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The Red Deer Regional Catholic Education Foundation is thrilled to announce its support for 20 innovative projects across the division for the upcoming school year. Additionally, the Foundation will award four Grade 12 scholarships and one alumni scholarship, totalling an impressive \$28,500 in support.

Highlights of the approved projects include:

- The 2025 Grow Kids Conference
- Camille Singers and a Rosary Garden/Prayer Path of Senses at École Camille J. Lerouge School
- The Kindness Crusaders Program at École Mother Teresa School
- A faith retreat and service project at Father Henri Voisin School
- Generations Connect: Students Building Connections with Seniors at Holy Family School
- A garden and authentic faith activities at Maryview School
- The Seton Serves Program at St. Elizabeth Seton School
- Faith retreats at St. Francis of Assisi Middle School
- The Tabernacle Project at St. Gregory the Great School
- Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph High School
- The Steps to Success Program at St. John Paul II Outreach School
- SLR Vocal Soul - Choral Music Engagement and Soar Like a Golden Eagle Positive Recognition Program at St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School
- A school theatrical production at St. Martin de Porres School
- A “Bear Garden” natural learning space at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School

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- Mass at Sacred Heart Church of the First People and faith projects at St. Patrick's Community School
- The RCMP Member and Student Connection Program, and the Game Board Evaluator and Community Builder Program at St. Teresa of Avila School

This year, \$500 Grade 12 Scholarships were awarded to École Secondaire Notre Dame High School student Devon McConnell, as well as St. Joseph High School students Ariel Dawn Moffat, Krysel Kanu, and Jessica Njeri Muchiri. Alumnus Thomas Bouchard was the sole recipient of an alumni scholarship this year, totalling \$1,500.

“For over 15 years, the Red Deer Regional Catholic Education Foundation has been raising resources from our community to fund faith-based initiatives that cannot be funded or provided through government sources. This year, the board of directors is pleased that a unique collection of innovative and environmental projects and scholarships have been approved to maintain our commitment and dedication to nurturing and promoting Catholic education in our community and making Christ known to all of the beautiful children we were created to serve. The board wishes to express our gratitude and recognize all of the donors, philanthropists and sponsors that have allowed the Foundation to make this good and loving work come to life,” says Kim Pasula, Chair of the Catholic Education Foundation's Board of Directors.

Established in 2009, the Red Deer Regional Catholic Education Foundation puts on an annual fundraising event to help fund faith-based initiatives that are not provided by Alberta Education. These fundraisers rely on sponsors to raise funds that are directed to students through various projects and scholarships, initiatives at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

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