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## École Secondaire Notre Dame High School student Olivia McAuley awarded prestigious Schulich Leader Scholarship

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École Secondaire Notre Dame High School is proud to announce that Olivia McAuley has been selected as a 2024 Schulich Leader at the University of Calgary. This prestigious scholarship comes with \$100,000 in funding and is awarded to only a handful of exceptional students across Canada for their excellence in Science, Technology, or Mathematics.

Olivia McAuley's achievement marks a significant milestone for both her and our school community. She is one of the 50 recipients of a Science, Technology, and Math Scholarship from across the country, recognized for her academic excellence and entrepreneurial leadership.

"We are proud to celebrate the continued success of Schulich Leader Scholarships, the premiere STEM scholarship program in Canada. This group of outstanding students will represent the best and brightest Canada has to offer and will make great contributions to society, both on a national and global scale. With their university expenses covered, they can focus their time on their studies, research projects, extracurriculars, and entrepreneurial ventures. They are the next generation of entrepreneurial-minded, technology innovators," said program founder Mr. Schulich.

Olivia expressed her gratitude and excitement, stating, "Receiving the Schulich Leader Scholarship is a life-changing opportunity for me. It not only eases the financial burden of university but also provides me with the freedom to fully immerse myself in my studies and pursue my passion for innovation in science, technology and math."

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Ike Hanna, Principal of École Secondaire Notre Dame High School, also shared his pride in Olivia's accomplishment: "We are incredibly proud of Olivia's hard work, dedication, and achievements. Her selection as a Schulich Leader is a testament to her exceptional talent and potential. We look forward to seeing all the great things she will accomplish in the future."

## **About Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools**

*Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,650 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 850 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.*

## **About Schulich Leader Scholarships Canada**

*Recognizing the increasing importance and impact that STEM disciplines will have on the prosperity of future generations, businessman and philanthropist Seymour Schulich established this \$100+ million scholarship fund in 2012 to encourage our best and brightest students to become Schulich Leader Scholars: the next generation of entrepreneurial-minded, technology innovators.*

*Through The Schulich Foundation, these prestigious entrance scholarships are awarded to 100 high school graduates enrolling in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) undergraduate program at 20 partner universities in Canada. Every high school in Canada can submit one Schulich Leader Nominee per academic year based on academic excellence in STEM, entrepreneurial leadership, and financial need.*

## **About The Schulich Foundation**

*The Schulich Foundation is one of Canada's largest foundations, having donated in excess of \$350 million. Seymour Schulich established and funded The Schulich Foundation. He holds Canada's highest civilian award, the Order of Canada, and is among Canada's greatest philanthropists. Having benefited greatly from a scholarship that enabled him to do his MBA, Mr. Schulich has built a well-earned reputation as a champion for education and access to*

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*education in Canada and around the world. The Schulich Foundation has endowed university faculties of business, engineering, medicine, law, education, music, chemistry, nursing, and dentistry; libraries, dormitories, courtyards, medical health centers, lecture and music halls. Over 6,000 scholarships are awarded annually to students in Schulich Schools.*

*The Foundation's largest initiative is the \$200 million Schulich Leaders Scholarships program, spanning 25 universities across Canada and Israel, in support of students pursuing STEM education.*

*For more information, visit: [schulichleaders.com](http://schulichleaders.com).*

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