



WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MEDIA RELEASE

1325 California Avenue
Windsor, ON N9B 3Y6
CHAIRPERSON: Fulvio Valentinis
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Emelda Byrne
Telephone: (519) 253-2481 FAX: (519)253-4819

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Triple Crown

Three Assumption students earn Horatio Alger scholarships

(Windsor, Ontario, May 17, 2023) – Assumption College Catholic High School has earned the rare distinction of having three students receive [Horatio Alger Scholarships](#) in the same year.

“It’s not unprecedented but it’s extremely rare for three students from the same school to earn one of these scholarships in the same year,” said Jordan-Nicholas Matte, Vice-President of the [Horatio Alger Association of Canada](#). “You should be very proud of these students and of your school for achieving such an honour.”

Kini Chen, who also earned a Schulich Scholarship valued at \$100,000, was the recipient of the Horatio Alger National Entrepreneurial Scholarship valued at \$10,000. Only 10 of those scholarships are awarded in Canada every year.

Maya Mikhael, one of the board’s two student trustees, and Shahnda Shaker both received Alger Scholarships valued at \$5,000 each. Only 160 of those are awarded across Canada every year.

Chen has been accepted to study mathematics and physiology at McGill University in September. Mikhael will be going to the University of Windsor to study behavioural cognition and neuroscience, while Shaker is off to the University of Ottawa to study political science. All three are in the [International Baccalaureate](#) program at Assumption.

“The fact that we had three students earn these scholarships speaks volumes about the quality of instruction here,” said Assumption Principal Melissa Cavallin. “We have a very dedicated teaching staff who are extremely passionate about supporting our students. But it also speaks volume about the quality of these students who I’m certain will go on to do wonderful things with their lives.”

The Horatio Alger Association encourages young people to pursue their dreams through higher education, and educates Canadian youth about the economic and personal opportunities afforded to them. The Association also awards need-based scholarships annually to deserving students across Canada, who have financial need and who have persevered through adversity.

Assumption has won seven of these awards since 2017.

For further information contact:

Stephen Fields, Communications Coordinator
Phone: (519) 253-2481 ext. 1246; Email: stephen_fields@wecdsb.on.ca

“Building communities of faith, hope and service”