



Press Release

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South Huron - Four local young ladies have successfully stood out above the crowd and won a Hay Communications Scholarship Award. Kyrstin Krainz of Dashwood, Jillian Bjelan of Hensall, Kerstan Cooper of Zurich and Stacy Masse of Dashwood will all receive a \$1500 award.

Stacy Masse of Dashwood is taking the Occupational Therapist Assistant and Physiotherapist Assistant Program at Niagara College. Her plan is to pursue a career in a Stroke Rehabilitation Unit in a hospital setting and hopes to be a support for patients as they go through the emotional journey of recovery and rehabilitation. She says regarding technology in her field that: "It has become a much more efficient process to store patient charts, retrieve previous medical information, tests, and receive referrals from other specialists."

Kerstan Cooper of Zurich is attending Fanshawe College taking Honours Bachelor of Early Childhood Leadership. Kerstan's career goals are to become an early childhood educator and a future leader within the education and care field. She also hopes to pursue a career working alongside military families. Kerstan has become passionate about mental health, self-care and well-being of families as well as of educators. "The children I work with will be entering a complete digital society, which is why it is critical that they are exposed to technology, and also taught how to safely, and beneficially use it."

Jillian Bjelan of Hensall is attending King's University College at Western University. Her program is Honours Bachelor of Arts in Honours Specialization in Social Justice and Peace Studies with a Major in Political Science. She hopes to delve deeper into her research field regarding international conflict resolution.

"Technology has the ability to influence my field of study and career in many ways. Particularly in the field of surveillance and security studies, the development of technology can influence how, what and who is surveilled. Looking into the future, this development will influence my field relating to global issues such as migration, activism, and conflict escalation."

Kyrstin Krainz of Dashwood is attending Carleton University. She is in the Bachelor of Arts Honours Criminology and Criminal Justice with a specialization in law and a minor in business. Her goal is to become an attorney and her passion is to use her education to build community relationships while assisting and supporting those in disadvantaged situations, specifically targeting youth and minorities.

Kyrstin feels technology has many beneficial impacts on the legal system such as allowing lawyers and their clients to meet with increased frequency and efficiency making the flow of information more effective. "Internet and communication technology allows for collaboration and sharing of information, creating a more accessible and globalized community."

Hay Communications, in its commitment to education and rural youth, initiated the annual scholarship program in 2007. This year the jury and Board of Directors had over 30 very high quality submissions to choose from, making the decision a difficult one. The annual scholarship is open to all our membership each September.