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Father Whelihan Memorial Scholarship Newsletter

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It is with pleasure that we present to you the 2025 winners:

Calgary Board of Education

During her time at *Ernest Manning High School*, *Sophie Yaremko* has been a member of the Junior Girls Volleyball Team, Junior and Senior Girls Basketball Teams, Cross Country Team, Track and Field Team, Handball Team, and Girls Rugby Team. It is not only impressive that Sophie has been involved in so many athletic programs, but also that she has been a key contributor and leader in each of them. Even more impressive than Sophie's athletic ability is her leadership. She has a unique talent for bringing out the best in her teammates. She has served as captain on the basketball, handball, and flag football teams and is widely respected by student-athletes across the school. Adding excellence in academics to the mix makes Sophie a great choice for the award.

Ryley Graftaas, of *James Fowler High School* has had the opportunity to play on a multitude of the school's sports teams including Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, and Track and Field. Outside of non-school sports, he also completed five half-marathons in the last three years. Despite sustaining a season ending injury playing basketball this year, Ryle's tenacity has allowed him to recover in time for the Track and Field season. An outstanding academic record and a model citizen in both the school and broader community have earned Ryley the privilege of being recognized as a 2025 scholarship winner.

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Destiny Adesegun is one of two recipients from *St. Mary's High School* this year. Throughout her three years, she has consistently demonstrated excellence in academics, athletics, and leadership. Destiny has maintained Honour Roll status each year, achieving an academic average in the 90s, all while balancing a demanding athletic schedule and active involvement in student leadership. In her senior year she captained both the Girls Basketball and Rugby Teams, qualified for the city championships in Track and Field, participated in Cross Country and Swimming. She has been an active member of Student Council for 3 years where she was appointed President in Grade 12.

Nicholas Marra, also of *St. Mary's*, has consistently earned a place on the Honor Roll for all reporting periods. He is an exceptional multi-sport athlete who qualified for Provincials in Golf; captained the Senior Boys' Volleyball Team for three years; was a key player on the Senior Boys' Basketball team, helping secure back-to-back City Championships. His athletic versatility is further highlighted in Track and Field, where he qualified for the City Championships in long jump and triple jump. Beyond academic and athletic achievements, Nicholas is an authentic leader and role model in his school and community where he spends countless hours volunteering his time.

Scholarship Award Reception 7pm Sunday, June 22nd, 2025. Calgary Winter Club or virtually via Zoom - See reverse for details.

Scholarship Award Reception:

Please join us to honour this year's award recipients or if you prefer, you may join us virtually. Everyone is cordially invited to this year's Reception held in honour of the 2025 Scholarship recipients.

Place: ***Calgary Winter Club or Via Zoom Meeting***

Date: ***Sunday June 22, 2025***

Time: ***7:00 p.m. (MDST – Calgary time) Reception***

Cost: ***\$40 per person***

Please RSVP no later than June 12th to Lu Scarpino (Phone: 403-862-0065) scarpinolc@shaw.ca to purchase a ticket or receive a link to join the reception.

Scholarship News:

The Father Whelihan Memorial Scholarship Society is pleased to offer four \$2,500 scholarships towards post-secondary education to Calgary area student athletes. The criteria for the award include: academic excellence, athletic achievement, citizenship, leadership and community involvement and need.

The Society welcomes its newest Executive Committee member, FWMS alumnus Greg Rafter, Bishop Carroll 2008.

Stay up to date by visiting our [website](#) or [Instagram](#)

Volunteer Opportunities:

The FWMS Executive could use your help. Consider how you might leverage your areas of interest and expertise to further the objectives of the FWMS Society. There are opportunities in assisting with candidate selections, establishing a mentorship program amongst the alumni, organizing social events, gathering archival information, helping establish a social media presence, managing the affairs of the society (both legal and financial) ... the opportunities abound, the commitment is light! Contact any of the members listed below to express your interest.

Donations:

Financial contributions may be made through our [website](#) or by contacting Lu Scarpino at the number below.

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