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## RVH CELEBRATES STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) recently held a celebration honouring student excellence among the ranks of both its student volunteers and co-op education participants. Nine students were chosen to receive an Outstanding Service Award and of those students three were selected by a panel of judges to receive the new **MY CARE** Student Award of Excellence.

The winners of a **MY CARE** Student Award of Excellence - the highest student honour at RVH - were: Dryden Chadwick, in the co-operative education category, and Mikaela Vieira, high school volunteer category, both from St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School. In the post-secondary category, Kristen Walker, BScN program student through the Georgian-York University partnership, was the recipient.

"We want to inspire and motivate young people to be the best they can be," says Janice Skot, RVH president and CEO. "We want young people to be excited about working or volunteering in healthcare. We want our staff to be both teachers and mentors as they share their skills and expertise. The three students chosen for the **MY CARE** Student Award of Excellence are not only exceptional student volunteers and co-op participants, but they are also ambassadors within our walls and in their community."

Young people are a very important part of TEAM RVH and at any given time RVH has 50 to 60 students on its volunteer roster. In addition RVH offers 35 to 40 co-operative education placements each year.

The winners of the 2017 Outstanding Service Awards were:

- Rafael Avezbadalov, Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School;
- Ashley Franks, Eastview Secondary School
- Leslie Haddock, Bear Creek Secondary School
- Eric McMullen, St. Joseph's Catholic High School
- Amanda Sarris, Bear Creek Secondary School
- Chantelle Wiseman, Barrie North Collegiate
- Mikaela Vieira, St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School\*
- Dryden Chadwick, St., Joan of Arc Catholic High School\*
- Kristen Walker, BScN program, Georgian-York University partnership\*

\*Also a **MY CARE** Student Award of Excellence winner

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**Cutline:** RVH awarded three students the **MY CARE** Student Award of Excellence for being not only exceptional student volunteers and co-op participants, but ambassadors within the walls of RVH and in their community. Janice Skot, RVH president and CEO, (left) along with Val Smith, Chief Transformation Officer (right), with **MY CARE** Student Award of Excellence recipients Kristen Walker, Mikaela Vieira and Dryden Chadwick.

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