

2011 Recipients

Vasiliki Papadopoulos

The 2011 valedictorian of UNBSJ, completed her degree with the highest grade point average possible, 4.3. She plans to study Medicine at Memorial University. Her CV lists over twenty awards and scholarships. Not only strong academically, Vasiliki volunteers at the SJRH in the Recovery Room waiting area, the Gift Shop and in Escort Services. She also volunteers as a teaching assistant at KVHS, at Shoppers, and as a dance instructor at Danceability. She worked summers at the Reversing Falls Restaurant and during the year as a private tutor.

In addition to her studies and volunteering, she has taken a leadership role at UNBSJ as grad class executive member, Student Senator and Peer Mentor. She is an accomplished musician (plays piano, violin and sings) and has interests in dance, acting with KV Players and photography.

She states, "Receiving an Auxiliary award would be especially meaningful to me as it encompasses many things that I highly value such as academics, dedication/organization, compassion for others and rounded individual".

Eima Hajizadeh

Eima has completed her third year of an Honors BA in Psychology with a GPA of 4.08 .A winner of several scholarships and awards, Eima has been awarded the Order of the Maple Leaf (for students excelling academically and socially) six times. Eima is President of the Psychology Society and Vice -President of the Student Volunteer Unit at UNBSJ.

She is truly committed to the field of psychology and research, in particular, mental health. She wants to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology.

Eima has volunteered at the SJRH since 2004. She gives her time to St. Joseph's Hospital, Loch Lomond Villa, Canadian Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation and to UNBSJ as a tour guide, Peer Mentor, and to the Psychology Department.

She enjoys travel, reading adventure and romance novels. She also work's at two part time jobs at the Korner store and as a psychology tutor.

Andrew West

Andrew is an IB Honors graduate of Cobequid Education Center, Truro, NS. He has completed two years of a BSc in Kinesiology at Acadia University. He has a GPA of 3.65/4.00 while playing soccer and hockey, working as a Resident Assistant, and volunteering at Acadia and in the community of Wolfville. His goal is to enter the Dalhousie Physiotherapy program in Sept., 2012.

Winner of more than a dozen scholarships and awards, Andrew finds time to volunteer on Tuesday mornings to work with disabled children in the pool (S.M.I.L.E. program). He

does Kinderskills, coaches minor hockey, participates in charities relays and plays the guitar at his church. He enjoys soccer, hockey, track and field, tennis and ball hockey.

He is described as self-motivated, dedicated to excellence, hard- working, extremely dependable and a fine role model to those around him.

Susan Morris

Susan, a St. Vincent's High School graduate, holds a B.N., 2004 and a M.Ed., 2010. She is enrolled in a M.Ed. in Nursing. She works as the Nurse Educator for the NB Heart Centre. Sue began her nursing career in 1984 and has held progressively more responsible nursing positions at the SJRH.

Susan volunteers extensively for the nursing profession. She is the Chair of the Clinical Nurse Education Resource Network for Region2, is a Board member of NB Heart and Stroke Foundation and is a Provincial Director of the Canadian Council of Cardiovascular Nurses. She has been involved with curriculum development for cardio vascular nursing courses.

Her referee states, "Susan strives for personal and professional growth in an effort to provide the most compassionate and up -to-date and evidence-base care. Her passion for knowledge is uppermost as she peruses her education while working full time and caring for her family".