

2024 Scholarship Winners' Biographies

Topic #1 "Population Growth and Renting" Winners

Tejiri Inikori – First Place

Tejiri has accepted an offer to Kinesiology at Queen's University. She is exploring a range of options in the healthcare field; however, Dentistry and Bio-Med are at the forefront.

Tejiri loves reading in her spare time – it's like an escape from reality and she can let her imagination run wild. She also likes to cook and clean – when not forced to do so – as she finds it therapeutic.

Daniel Tan – Second Place

Daniel will attend the University of Western Ontario for Computer Science and Ivey Business School in the fall.

Daniel has an entrepreneurial drive to create solutions to people's problems in the field of finance and technology.

He is actively engaged in volunteer work with several organizations, including serving as the clinical support and marketing director for Smiles On Us, an annual free dental day.

Additionally, he has worked as a medical assistant and journalist with Mully Children's Family in Kenya.

Beyond volunteering, Daniel enjoys travelling the world, building computers, listening to audiobooks, graphic design, and exploring his interest in cars and driving.

Elisa Gabriele – Third Place

Elisa will head to the University of Waterloo this fall for Architectural Engineering. She hopes to work as an architect in the future, owning her own firm. With the engineering background from her degree, she wants to design future houses and commercial properties in her community, aiding in the solution to the current housing crisis.

In her spare time, she loves swimming, reading, and spending time outside. Elisa is a swimming instructor and loves working with children. She is also a volunteer tutor at the local library and schools.

Yulia Senyuk – Fourth Place

Yulia will enroll in the Schulich School of Business at York University for her Bachelor of Business Administration. She is currently unsure of her major or professional goals; however, she is interested in finance and artificial intelligence.

In her free time, she likes to read books of all genres – from a good fiction novel to self-help – and paint and draw as a way of self-expression and relaxation. She is committed to learning foreign languages, particularly French and Spanish, in the hopes of travelling and taking part in an exchange year in later years at university to broaden her experiences. Additionally, as a Ukrainian, she is passionate about current world issues, and the ongoing conflict has encouraged her to participate as an active member in the Ukrainian community.

Topic #2 “Housing Supply Shortage” Winners

Dev Katyal – First Place

Dev will study Computer Science at the University of Waterloo. He will continue using tech to spark social and environmental change, building upon his previous work like MarineMatch (image classification app that identifies fish species which can help prevent overfishing) to use AI for a good purpose.

Volunteering is a significant part of Dev’s life, as it allows him to give back to the community and make a positive impact on those around him. Whether it's participating in local clean-up drives, tutoring students, or helping at community centres, volunteering provides a sense of purpose and satisfaction.

Besides volunteer work, Dev has several other interests. Basketball is one of his favorite sports, and he loves playing pick-up games with friends or practicing his skills on the court. It's a fantastic way to stay active, improve teamwork, and relieve stress. Running is another activity that Dev enjoys; it helps him maintain his physical fitness and clear his mind. Whether it's a leisurely jog in the park or training for a marathon, running offers a great way to challenge himself and stay healthy.

Jaden da Silva – Second Place

Jaden will attend the University of Toronto in the Life Sciences Stream with a major in Neuroscience and Economics. He intends to achieve an MD/PhD and work as a physician-scientist. As a physician-scientist, the applications of behavioural science, neuroeconomics, and clinical research converge to better the lives of those afflicted by psychological disorders and affect society at large through clinical research. Research in behavioural economics presents the opportunity to improve the understanding of the comorbidity of related diseases, i.e., how psychiatric disorders influence trends in behaviour that exacerbate or create related diseases.

Jaden enjoys playing volleyball with his friends, volunteering and tutoring in his community, and playing/listening to music.

Ethan Berger – Third Place

Ethan has decided to pursue her passion for animals and biology by attending the University of Guelph to study Animal Science. Her future aspiration is to work as a veterinarian and possibly own a practice one day.

In her spare time, Ethan enjoys volunteering at a veterinary clinic, and being a park ranger to provide care for the wildlife and pets of Toronto. Additionally, her hobbies include crafting (namely sewing and crochet), as well as reading and going for walks in nature.