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Inside the TPS

Central Commerce student wins \$1,000 scholarship



Officers in 14 Division have had a long and productive relationship with residents in the Scadding Court community.

14 Division CPLC youth co-chair Kristopher Sousa, Tenzin Phagdol, Insp. Joanna Beaven and CPLC co-chair Cathy Byrd

To demonstrate its appreciation, the Division's Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) created a scholarship for a first-year post-secondary student, who is actively engaged

in promoting community safety in the neighbourhood.

The first \$1,000 scholarship was presented to Tenzin Phagdol.

"Last January, we got together with the CPLC co-chair (Cathy Byrd) to talk about setting up this award," said Insp. Joanna Beaven.

"Tenzin's application was among six that we received, but she just blew the rest of the candidates away."

A CPLC member for the past five years, Byrd said the scholarship recognizes community and civic engagement with an emphasis on promoting safer communities.

"We specifically wanted it to advance something that was community-based and not an award that's solely based on academics," she pointed out.

"Tenzin fits the criteria proudly and we are extremely delighted to be presenting her with the first award."

The CPLC solicited donations from business partners for the scholarship presented at the Investing in Our Diversity Scholarship Awards last week at City Hall.

Phagdol, a graduate of Central Commerce Collegiate, has played a major part in contributing to the building of a stronger school environment and local community through her involvement in many projects, some of which she initiated.

She mentored new students in her school and was a peer leader in an anti-smoking workshop.

The Grade 12 student enters the University of Toronto next semester to pursue Life Science studies.

"This scholarship could not have come at a better time," she said.

"It will help me to purchase some books I need. It's a good start."

Beaven joined Byrd and Grade 10 CPLC youth co-chair Kristopher Sousa in presenting the scholarship to a proud Phagdol.

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